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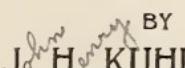
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*DEDICATED  
to  
The Memory of My Wife,  
MARY L. KUHLMANN,  
Who Sojourned with Me in the Itinerancy,  
From 1899 to 1916.*



## PREFACE.

This little book is sent forth as a record of the labors and experiences of those engaged in planting the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Cumberland, Md. And for the purpose of keeping green in memory their faith, sacrifices and devotion to the Master's cause, which elements are equally as well demonstrated to be essential in the furtherance of the kingdom of Christ. Therefore the hope that others may be encouraged to continue to build on the same sure foundation.

The wisdom of the church in entering this field of labor is amply demonstrated by the Lord of the harvest bountifully crowning her labors in both temporal and spiritual things.

And that she may keep herself unspotted from the world and with a longing desire for the salvation of precious souls for whom Jesus bled and died is the cherished hope of the writer.

## HOW THE CITY CAME BY THE NAME OF CUMBERLAND.

In 1748 Thomas Lee, president of the Virginia Council, in forming the Ohio Company, associated with himself twelve other men, among whom were Governor Robert Dinwiddie, Lawrence and Augustine Washington, brothers of George Washington, and John Hamburg, a wealthy merchant of London.

And in March, 1749, the company obtained a royal grant for 5,000 acres of land between the Kanawha and the Monongahela Rivers and on the south side of

the Ohio, with the privilege of taking a portion of it on the north side of the Ohio River if they desired to do so.

Christopher Gist, who lived near the Yadkin River and boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina, was employed by the company as its agent. And in the fall of the same year, on his mission, he went up the Potomac River to the mouth of Will's Creek, and thence to and down the Ohio River selecting and mapping out the company's boundary.

And owing to the increase in the fur trade with the Indians, in 1750 the company built a small trading post or storehouse at the mouth and on the west side of Will's Creek, where that stream empties into the Potomac River, which afterward became a supply station, a fort, a shelter and resting place for Colonels George Washington, Fry, and others.

Pushing his way westward, Christopher Gist, in 1753, established a settlement of eleven families at the foot of Laurel Hill, and began a fort at the forks on the Ohio River.

The French regarded this as an encroachment on their desired territory, and at once began active measures, by arms, to secure the Ohio Valley, the news of which soon reached the ears of Gov. Dinwiddie, who, on the 12th of October, 1753, commissioned George Washington, then in his twenty-second year, a special envoy to the head waters of the Allegheny, to deliver a message to Gen. St. Pierre, the French commander.

The next day he started on his journey, and arrived at Will's Creek November the 14th. Here he secured the service of Christopher Gist as guide, John Davidson as Indian interpreter, Captain Jacob Van Braam as French interpreter, together with Curram,

McQuire, Steward and Jenkins, to accompany him, and they arrived at the French headquarters on the fourth of December, 1753.

He was courteously received by Legardeur de St. Pierre, who promised to forward his message to the Governor General of Canada, but said in the meantime he would hold his position to the best of his ability and intended to eject every Englishman from the Ohio Valley.

Owing to the reply, Washington hurried back to Williamsburg and made a complete report to Governor Dinwiddie on January 6, 1754. In the meantime the Ohio Company, realizing their danger, appealed to the Governor for protection; hence, on hearing Washington's report, Governor Dinwiddie commissioned him major and directed him to raise an army and return to the scene of contention, which he did immediately, arriving at Will's Creek April 20, and then proceeded to the Ohio River.

The first engagement, or battle, between the French and the English occurred at daybreak on the 28th of May, 1754, in which Major Washington was successful; and immediately reported the result to his superior, Colonel Joshua Fry, who was sick as Will's Creek, and in four days thereafter died.

This left an important place in a crucial moment to be filled. Major George Washington was chosen and commissioned lieutenant-colonel and placed in chief command of the army on the 4th of June, 1754.

The elevated site once occupied by the Shawanese's town, and called by the Indians "Cai-uc-tu-cuc," near the mouth and on the west side of Will's Creek, and now occupied by the stone structure known as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, near the center of the city,

is the site where the first storehouse was built in 1750. Having a commanding view of both the Potomac River and the Narrows through which Will's Creek flows, it was recognized as a strategic point by Colonel James Innes and Captain Mackaye, who built a fort there in 1754 and named it Fort Mount Pleasant.

On hearing of the unsettled affairs in America, the King of England, through the influence of the Duke of Cumberland, commissioned Major General Braddock General-in-Chief of his Majesty's forces in North America on the 25th of November, 1754, who started immediately and arrived at Alexandria, Va., February 20, 1755, and reached Fort Mount Pleasant on the 19th of May. At his request, and in honor of the Duke of Cumberland, Governor Dinwiddie changed its name from Fort Mount Pleasant to Fort Cumberland.

In order that my readers may have a succinct account of the origin and names of the place of our history, I here record the dates and names left on record by Robert Shriver, long president of the First National Bank of Cumberland, Md., who, being well acquainted with the history and the progress of the community, says:

"In early days (when the pale-faced man met his more ruddy brother here, rich in land, plumage and fur), the Indians had a settlement here which they called 'Caiuctucuc,' which the white traders in 1728 called 'Will's Creek.' And in 1750, both Indians and traders called it 'the New Storehouse,' while in 1752 the Ohio Company called it 'Charlottsburg.' And in 1754 Colonel James Innes named it 'Fort Mount Pleasant.' Then in 1755 General Braddock called it 'Fort Cumberland.' In 1785 the inhabitants called it Washington, town, and in 1786 Thomas Beall secured

an act by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, Chapter 27, by which it became known as ‘Cumberland.’ ”

These were the names or styles under which the present city of Cumberland passed from an Indian village and a single log house erected by the white traders near the mouth of Will’s Creek, and used as a storehouse in trading with the Indians, from about the year 1728 to about thirty-five houses in 1786, when the village was erected into a “town” known, and has continued to be known, as Cumberland.

Cumberland was then within the bounds of Washington County, but two years later, by an act of the General Assembly, Chapter 27, in 1786, all that part of the State of Maryland west of Sideling Hill Creek was cut off from Washington County and erected into a new county to be called “Allegany.”

## WHEN AND BY WHOM METHODISM WAS PLANTED IN THIS REGION.

History records the footprints of Methodism among these rugged hills as early as 1782, when Bishop Asbury, Revs. John Haygerly and Richard Owens planted the Gospel seed here. They were succeeded by Benj. Roberts, 1873; John J. Jacob, in 1785; they established several appointments, including Cumberland, and formed the Allegany Circuit. John Compher was appointed preacher in charge of it in 1788, about which time its name was changed from Allegany to Old Town Circuit.

The records show the Methodist Episcopal Church secured a deed to a lot on the west side of Will’s Creek and on the corner of Fayett and Smallwood Streets

in 1799. And it is supposed they built on it in 1800, the structure was a small frame building, 25 by 35 feet, and rebuilt in 1816.

Cumberland became a station in 1729 and Rev. Charles B. Young was appointed preacher in charge. The church, having desired to change its location to North Centre Street, did so, and built on its present site that year. They enlarged it in 1837, rebuilt in 1848, and rebuilt the second time in 1870.

McKendree (African) M. E. Church was built in 1851-2.

Kingsley M. E. Church was built in 1870 and rebuilt of brick in 1876.

Grace M. E. Church was organized in the Fare Ground Exhibit Building on Virginia Avenue and built the present church in 1894.

The Methodist Protestant Church organized and built on Bedford Street, Cumberland, Md., in 1836, and rebuilt in 1849. In 1899 they sold the church and moved west on Bedford Street, and erected a more commodious building.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began work in Cumberland in 1866. Dedicated Trinity Church, on South Centre and Union Streets, in 1872. Sold it in 1876, reopened work in St. John's Luthern Church on Arch and Fourth Streets in 1897. Built Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Grand Avenue, in 1898. Built Agur Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Humbird Street, in 1901. Built Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., in 1902. Built Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on South George Street, Cumberland, Md., in 1906. Rebuilt Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., in

1915. Built the auditorium to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., in 1915. Rebuilt Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., the second time in 1918. Added to and changed the name of Agur Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Humbird Street, Cumberland, Md., to Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1918.



## CHAPTER I.

### TRINITY.

*History of Southern Methodism in Cumberland, Md.*

Rev. Williamson Harris, a local preacher of one of the North Carolina Annual Conferences, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, realizing more and more a yearning for the salvation of precious and immortal souls for whom Jesus bled and died, became conscious of the impending duty resting upon him to enter the active ministry.

And, thinking the old adage might be true, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," and having lost nearly all of his property during the Civil War of 1861-5, and owing to the depleted condition of the South, he decided to move into another locality. Turning his face northward, he came to Baltimore, Md., and not finding a favorable opening there, he concluded to go west.

Accordingly, about the middle of April, 1866, he, his wife and little daughter, started on their western trip. However, before going far, the child became ill, and although their straightened circumstances would hardly admit of a break in their journey, nevertheless, Mr. Harris and his wife felt that it would be unnatural for them to proceed, and hence concluded to stop at the first place they could get medical aid. And, on being fully assured that they could secure the necessary medical attention for the child at Cumberland, Md., then a little town of about 1,500 inhabitants

nestled among the foothills of the Alleghany Mountains, they decided to stop there.

Owing to the critical condition of the child, the way seemed long and the journey tedious. However, very soon after arriving in Cumberland, they were comfortably domiciled and a competent physician called. Although their means were limited and they were strangers in a strange land, without friends and without acquaintance, nevertheless they soon found kind-hearted and sympathizing friends who rendered them all necessary assistance.

We are told these friends by degrees drew from Mr. Harris his past history and when they learned that he lost nearly all his property during the war of 1861-5, and now desired to find a new home where he could labor in his sacred calling, they were touched with the keenest sympathy, for the same merciless hand had torn them from their church and left them without a shepherd. They felt that it was the hand of Providence that had led him thither, consequently they asked him to remain a while and preach for them, which he consented to do as soon as his child sufficiently recovered.

The journal kept by Hon. W. M. Price shows that he preached to a small audience in the Market-house Hall about the first of May, 1868. The journal goes on to say that one evening in the month of May John Humbird, Horace Resley, Asabel Willison, W. M. Price, John Longabaugh, John E. Buck, and Levi Wickard met in the office of W. M. Price, Esq. These formed or constituted a nucleus. There and then they discussed the feasability of organizing a new church, and during the discussion they decided upon the formation of Trinity Methodist

Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Md., after which they requested Rev. Williamson Harris to continue preaching for them, which he gladly consented to do.

On the first Sunday of June, 1868, they organized a Sunday school in the Market-house Hall, with W. M. Price superintendent and H. H. Beall assistant. And on the 23rd of August, 1868, they moved from the Market-house Hall to the Pioneer Hall and completed their organization by forming a class of twenty-four members, and immediately set about making arrangements for building a church.

But, on coming in contact with Mr. Charles Baker, of Baltimore, Md., he impressed them with the idea that if they had organized an Independent Methodist Church they would have received liberal help from Baltimore, whereupon, on the 9th of October, 1868, the congregation, known as Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called together, and, after hearing of the advantages they would derive by making the change, they decided to reorganize, and did so under the name of "Trinity Independent Methodist Church." Rev. Williamson Harris was elected pastor and John Humbird, Asahel Willison, John E. Buck, John Lanabauch and W. M. Price were elected stewards. W. M. Price was elected secretary and Levi Wickard treasurer of the board.

On November 11 the congregation was called together in a business meeting at which time the building of a church was again discussed and the stewards were authorized to secure subscriptions for that purpose. At the next business meeting, held November 30, 1868, the stewards were elected a board of trustees.

In the meantime there appeared an article in both

the *Civilian* and the *Alleghanian*, Cumberland papers, highly commending the enterprise. It seems the whole community was filled with the idea of building the church. During the winter the committee was very successful in getting subscriptions, so that by the 3rd of April, 1869, they felt justified in securing of Frederick Minke and Eva L. Minke, his wife, a lease on the beautiful corner lot, 63 by  $76\frac{1}{2}$  feet, on South Centre and Union Streets, in the center of Cumberland, Md., for 99 years, renewable forever, subject to an annual rent of \$280, of which \$140 was payable semi-annually, viz., on the 5th of October and April; or redeemable at will by the payment of the sum of \$3,466 and all arrearages of rent.

Buoyancy and enthusiasm filled the heart of one and all, so that they decided to build a church 45 by 65 and to proceed immediately with arrangements. Frank E. Davis of Baltimore was chosen as the architect, and as soon as the prints were received, J. and H. Korns were awarded the contract for the masonry; J. B. Walton of Cumberland, Md., was awarded the carpenter's contract, while John G. Greenfield was given the plastering, Messrs. Schmidt, of Baltimore, the frescoing and H. and J. Shuck the painting.

The work was begun in a short time and pushed forward so rapidly that the foundation walls were completed in June, 1869. Whereupon great preparations were made for the corner stone laying. The last issue of the *Alleghanian* before this event says: "The laying of the corner stone of the Independent Methodist Church of this city is an interesting event and will take place on Wednesday, August 18, 1869. The religious services in connection therewith will be held in the English Lutheran Church, corner of Baltimore

and North Centre Streets, and will be conducted by Rev. John A. Williams of Baltimore, Md., an able and eloquent divine, assisted by the resident clergymen. At the conclusion of the services the corner stone will be laid upon the new foundation, at the corner of South Centre and Union Streets, with the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Masonic Brotherhood. The Potomac Lodge, No. 100, will conduct the ceremonies and has extended an invitation to neighboring lodges to participate with them. The occasion will doubtlessly be one of more than ordinary interest. And if an appeal to the public should be made to aid the limited membership in the erection of this beautiful church edifice in process of erection, we bespeak a generous response."

Accordingly, the corner stone of Trinity Independent Methodist Church, Cumberland, Md., was laid amid great joy and pomp, on Wednesday, the 18th of August, 1869, under the auspices of the Masonic brotherhood.

Potomac Lodge, No. 100; Piedmont Lodge, No. 128; Hiram Lodge of Lonaconing, No. 103; Ohr Lodge, Cumberland, Md., No. 131; Oakland Lodge, No. 133; Salem Arch Chapter, No. 18, and Chosen Friend Lodge, No. 34, and I. O. O. F. all assembled at the Masonic Hall on Baltimore Street and formed a procession after the following order:

Past Grand Master Dr. C. H. Ohr, the oldest Mason at that time in Maryland, officiating. The procession was headed by the Lonaconing Band, Col. James Schley acting as Grand Marshal. Next came Chosen Friend Lodge, No. 34; then I. O. O. F., with band in their rear. Then came the tyler of the Potomac Lodge with drawn sword. Then the visiting lodges were

formed in line according to their age and rank. They were succeeded by two stewards with white rods, then came a past master with a vessel of corn and the architect with square, level and plumb. They were followed by two past masters with silver vessels containing wine and oil. Next came the Secretary and Treasurer and they were followed by a past master bearing the Holy Bible, with square and compass, who was supported by two stewards. These were folowed by two past masters, each carrying a large light; then came the chaplain, clergy, orator, and wardens of lodges. Next in line was the Salem Royal Arch Chapter. Then the master of the Potomac Lodge supported by two deacons, brought up the rear, under the direc-tion of the Chief Marshal, Col. J. M. Schley.

When the procession was completed they marched out Baltimore Street to and up Front Street to Fulton, and thence to and along Decatur to Bedford, from Bedford they turned into North Centre and down said street to the English Lutheran Church, where the religious services were held at 11 a.m., which consisted in music by the choir, while Rev. James D. Fitzgerald, a Presbyterian, made the opening prayer, after which Rev. J. A. Williams, of Bethany Independent Methodist Church of Baltimore, Md., delivered an able and elegant discourse and was followed by prayer by Rev. P. T. Warren of the Baptist Church. The pastor of the German Reformed Church pronounced the benediction.

Then the procession passed down Baltimore Street, to and out South Centre to the foundation of the new church, where the corner stone was to be laid.

The granite stone bore the following inscription: "Trinity Independent Methodist Church, August 18,

1869." It was provided with a cavity, in which was placed a record containing the date of the organization of the church, its name, the name of the pastor, Rev. Williamson Harris; the names of the trustees and all other officials, number of members, number of Sunday school scholars and teachers, the names of the building committee, the names of the architect and contractors and the names of the lodges and assisting lodges of Masons laying the corner stone, the names of the officers of the lodges participating, and the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; the name of the President, Vice-President and Cabinet of the United States; the name of the Governor of Maryland; the name of the judge of the Circuit Court; names of the clerk, sheriff and register of Alleghany County and mayor of the city of Cumberland, Md.

The stone also contained a copy of the Bible, Discipline and hymn book of the church, a copy of the Constitution of the United States, and a copy of the constitution of Maryland; a sample of coins and money used then in the United States, a copy of the papers of Cumberland, Md., together with a copy of the program. Then the stone was brought to its place to be laid with the ancient custom of the Masonic Order.

Past Grand Master Ohr asked, "Brother Junior Warden, what is the proper emblem of your office?" He replied, "The plumb." Then the Past Grand Master said, "Will you apply the plumb to the parts of the stone which should be plumb." The Junior Warden applied the plumb and said, "I have applied the plumb and find that the craftsmen have done their duty."

The Past Grand Master then said, "Brother Senior Warden, what is the proper emblem of your office?"

The Senior Warden replied, "The level." "Will you apply the level to the stone." The Senior Warden applied the level and replied, "I have applied the level and find the craftsmen have performed their duty."

The Past Grand Master then said: "Worshipful Master, what is the proper emblem of your office?" The Worshipful Master replied, "The square." Then the Past Grand Master said, "Will you apply the square to the parts of the stone which should be square." To which the Worshipful Master replied, "I have applied the square and find the craftsmen have done their duty."

The Past Grand Master then said, "I declare this stone true, trusty and well laid," and gave the stone three raps with the gavel, after which he took the trowel and spread the corn of plenty and the wine of joy and peace on the stone and invoked plenty, joy and peace upon the people and all people everywhere.

After which appropriate addresses were delivered by the Past Grand Master Dr. Ohr, Hon. Patrick Hamil, Worshipful Master of the Oakland Lodge, and Rev. John A. Williams. And at the conclusion of these services the Masonic fraternities repaired in order to the hall of Potomac Lodge. It is said this demonstration excelled anything of the kind ever seen in Cumberland before or since. However, unlike many instances, instead of this high tide enthusiasm being followed by a reactionary tendency, it was followed by encouragement and success on every hand, so that the work went steadily on.

At the request of John Humbird and by paying the fee of \$3.50, the lease was received and dated April 3rd, 1869, recorded October 1st, 1869, in Liber No. 30, folio 179. This deed of lease made this 3rd day of

April, 1869, by Frederick Mink and Eva L. Mink, his wife of the first part, and John Humbird, Asahel Willison, John E. Buck, Levi Wickard, John Longabaugh and W. M. Price, trustees of the Independent Methodist Church, party of the second part.

"Witnesseth for the consideration of the rents and covenants hereinafter reserved, Frederick Mink and Eva L. Mink, his wife, parties of the first part, have granted and by these premises do grant, unto the said John Humbird, etc., trustees, and their successors in office, to be selected and appointed by themselves for the benefit of the members of the Independent Methodist Church of the City of Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland, lot 63 by 76½ feet on the northeast corner of South Centre and Union Streets, for 99 years (renewable forever), subject to an annual rent of \$280, of which \$140 is payable semi-annually, viz., on the 5th of October and 5th of April, or redeemable at any time by the payment of \$3,466, and all arrearages of rent. The above is signed by Frederick Mink and Eva L. Mink, his wife."

A thrill of inspiration came on Christmas eve, 1869. The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church had prepared a beautiful tree, and by 7 p.m. a large and appreciative audience assembled in the church, at which time the exercises began with instrumental music, elegantly rendered by Mr. Wolf, the organist.

After which Mr. W. M. Price, the superintendent, and his assistant proceeded in the distribution of the treat to the school. The pastor was presented a handsome study gown and pair of slippers, while Mrs. Harris and their little daughter each were the recipients of pleasing and appropriate presents. The

officers, teachers and scholars were delighted with their remembrances.

The male members of Trinity Independent Methodist Church held their first business meeting for the year 1870 on Friday evening, January 14th, at which time the pastor, Rev. Williamson Harris, reported the current expenses of the past year paid in full and still a balance in the treasury; and the spiritual condition of the church as being satisfactory and steadily growing. He said he had received twenty-nine members during the past year and now they had a membership of forty-five members and thus they had nearly doubled the original membership, and consequently they were greatly encouraged. The following stewards were elected: B. R. Edwards (President), W. M. Price (Secretary), John Humbird, Asahel Willison, John Longbaugh, John E. Buck and Levi Wickard, after which the meeting adjourned.

Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the work on the edifice progressed finely through the winter and spring, so that by June the lower room was ready for dedication, which occurred on Sunday, June 10th, at 11 a.m. Rev. Williamson Harris delivered an excellent sermon from the text: "And I will make them and the places around about my hills a blessing; and I will cause the showers to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessings." Ezl., 34:26. Rev. A. R. Reiley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered an excellent address and assisted the pastor in the sacramental service at 3 p.m. At night the pastor, Rev. Williamson Harris, preached a very impressive sermon from the text, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plentious in mercy." Ps. CIII:8.

For some time things went on well, and the church was in a harmonious condition; but that there was some discontent is manifest from a call meeting of the Bible Class by its superintendent, Mr. H. H. Beall, on February 16th, 1871, whereupon the class passed the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, It is a foregone conclusion that Rev. Williamson Harris, the able and devoted pastor of this church, and leader of our Bible Class, will soon take his leave of us as a Bible Class, leaving us to be scattered or led by another, either of which under the provoking circumstances is, to say the least of it, most unpleasant to us all; we as a Bible Class, deprecate the great evil that has come upon us, this church and community, by the unnecessary separation of such a public benefactor as Mr. Harris from us, not only as a class and church, but as a community;

*Resolved*, (1) That this Bible Class holds Mr. Harris in the highest esteem as a Christian minister and gentleman, and as the leader of our class he has ever been most pleasant, tender and congenial. His very extensive knowledge of the Bible makes him withall a most competent teacher, and while we do not presume to sit in judgment upon the reasons leading to Mr. Harris' resignation and subsequent removal from us, we do feel that a great calamity has befallen us and must be sadly experienced by the friends of this church and Sunday school;

*Resolved* (2), That although our class is composed in part of members of other congregations, yet we have had the most perfect union and harmony in our class, in which we have been taught the great truths and doctrines of the Gospel; thus as a class we have been lifted to such knowledge of God's mercy and

goodness that all could see that his great aim was to exalt the Bible as the only safe rule of our faith and practice, and Christ as the only Saviour of men. He must go from us, but his godly instruction, with his gentle manner and Christian sympathy with the truths of the Bible, will remain with us, and we trust may prove a savior of life unto life."

In March, 1871, Rev. Williamson Harris resigned, and his resignation was accepted. Hence the church was left without a pastor and without a source from which to draw. Trinity congregation of the Independent Methodist Church, Cumberland, Md., realized the deplorable condition into which it had fallen.

## CHAPTER II.

### TRINITY RETURNED.

In 1871, while the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was in session, the congregation of Trinity Independent Methodist Church, Cumberland, Md., requested the said conference to fill its pulpit, which it consented to do, and appointed Rev. James Higgins to fill the vacancy.

He was kindly received, and grasping the situation, the work moved off and progressed very satisfactorily. His excellent influence in the community and over the congregation was such that on the 27th of September, 1871, the congregation unanimously voted to ask admission into the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

During the year the membership nearly doubled itself, and the work on the church building went steadily on. This incurred a considerable indebtedness, and in order to protect and secure those advancing the money, a mortgage was given on the 28th of October, 1871. But as those to whom the mortgage was given hoped the money would be raised in due time and they reimbursed, it was withheld for the time being. However, later it became necessary to have it recorded.

"This mortgage, made the 28th day of October, 1871, by us, John Humbird, Asahel Willison, John E. Buck, Levi Wickard, John Lanabaugh, W. M. Price, trustees of Trinity Independent Methodist Church, of the City of Cumberland, Maryland,

"Witnesseth, Whereas by virtue of the discipline of said church adopted by the members thereof the

said above named parties were appointed trustees to hold the property of said church for the use and benefit of the members thereof, with power to raise money by mortgage on said church property to finish and complete and pay the debts on said church property for the building of the said new church edifice thereof; and whereas, the said trustees did borrow the moneys hereinafter named from the persons hereinafter named and used the same in paying for the building of said new church edifice; and whereas, the said congregation and members of said Trinity Church are now indebted unto John Humbird, \$1,588.30 with interest at .073/10 per cent from the first day of October, 1871; Asahel Williston, \$1,588.30; W. M. Price, \$1,531.58, and John Lanabaugh, \$200; all from the same date and at the same rate of interest.

"And the better to secure the payment of the said several sums, now due and owing to said parties, the said John Humbird, Asahel Willison, W. M. Price and John Lanabaugh, John E. Buck and Levi Wickard, trustees as aforesaid do grant unto John Humbird, Asahel Willison, W. M. Price and John Lanabaugh all that certain lot or parcel of ground lying and being on the corner of South Center and Union Streets, in the city of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, and now occupied by said new church building, and which is fully described in a lease from Frank Minke and wife to said trustees, dated April 3d, 1869, and is recorded among the land records of Allegany County in Liber H. R. No. 30, folio 179; reference thereto will more fully appear. Provided, that if the said trustees aforesaid, or our successors, shall pay for and on behalf of the congregation and membership of said church, on or before the first day of October,

1875, the said several amounts herein before set forth, together with the interest thereon, as before stated. This mortgage to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force."

## CHAPTER III.

### TRINITY.

In 1872 the Baltimore Annual Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, admitted Trinity Independent Church, Cumberland, Md., as she is always ready to do under proper circumstances especially those who rightly belong to her fold, and appointed Rev. J. W. Duffey to Trinity Church, Cumberland, Md. On arriving he found a Sunday school with an enrollment of 140 and a church membership of 80. And from all we can learn the church was in a prosperous condition.

The incoming pastor vigorously continued all phases of the church work laid down by his predecessor and success crowned his labors, so much so that they could see the completion of the church in the near future. September 29th was chosen as the day when the Church should be set apart for only holy purposes, and hence all were busily engaged in getting ready by the appointed time. Rev. J. W. Duffey, in his description of the church, says:

"It is semi-gothic, 45 by 65 feet, the tower is on the corner and is 16 by 16 feet, and when completed will be 118 feet high. It is two stories high, the first floor is the lecture, or Sunday school room, and the second story, the auditorium, is 38 by 54 feet, with a vestibule and choir gallery 10 by 38 feet. Its entire seating capacity is about 500. The entire floor is handsomely carpeted with an ingrain carpet. The pew ends are of

walnut and of handsome designs. The pulpit and altar are also of walnut.

"The altar stand and pulpit chairs were furnished by Mr. K. H. Butler, the clock by S. T. Little, of Cumberland, while Mr. H. Sanders donated \$100 on the organ and Mr. Charles Baker, of Baltimore, gave all the stained glass in the windows, which cost \$680."

He further says, "the cost of the building to date is \$15,600, of which over \$5,000 is unpaid." But with a bright outlook before them they fully expected to pay much of this debt by the proceeds of the liberal offering they anticipated on the day of dedication.

September 29th was bright and beautiful with crispy air and forests tinted with garnet and gold, so that the people came from every quarter until the church was filled to overflowing. The interior of the church was cozy and inviting and the pulpit handsomely adorned with flowers. In addition to the pastor there was a great array of theologians present, viz., Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, Rev. David Thomas, P. E. of the Moorfield District; Rev. John Poisal, D. D., editor of the Episcopal Methodist, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. M. G. Balthis, of the Virginia Conference; Rev. C. L. Torrison, Flintstone, Md.; Rev. Carroll, of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Rev. H. J. Candler, of the Baptist Church, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. S. V. Leech, of Centre Street M. E. Church, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. W. E. Munsey, D. D., and Rev. E. Wardsworth, D. D.

The services began at 10.40 A. M. by the choir singing the anthem, "Praise the Lord, Praise His Holy Name," and then the Bishop read Hymn 784:

"Behold thy temple, God of grace,  
The house that we have reared for thee;

Regard it as Thy resting place,  
And fill it with Thy majesty."

After which Rev. S. V. Leech led in a most earnest and forcible prayer. Then Rev. H. J. Candler read the first morning lesson from the sixth chapter of Second Chronicles, after which the Bishop read the 786th hymn and followed the singing of the same with a magnificent sermon, from the 18th verse of the sixth chapter of Second Chronicles: "But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built."

At the conclusion the Bishop made an earnest appeal to the congregation to cancel the indebtedness, and said that he was informed that if the congregation would raise \$4,000 it would put the indebtedness of the church in a manageable position. Whereupon the congregation responded liberally to the appeal, as may be seen from the following list of contributors:

John Humbird .....	\$200.00
Asahel Willison .....	200.00
W. M. Price.....	200.00
Levi Wickard .....	200.00
Cash .....	200.00
John Lonabaugh .....	100.00
Lloyd Lowndes, Jr.....	100.00
William Taylor .....	100.00
B. R. Edwards.....	100.00
Jacob Snyder .....	50.00
S. J. Edwards.....	50.00
Mrs. Susan Crist.....	50.00
Mrs. J. Humbird.....	50.00
J. Russell .....	25.00
Chas. A. Seay.....	25.00

Jacob A. Mark.....	25.00
F. Minke .....	25.00
J. Hendrixon .....	25.00
Dr. Hummelshine .....	25.00
Mrs. A. Willison.....	25.00
Dr. Poisal .....	25.00
Mrs. D. L. Hitchcock.....	25.00
Harry H. Beall.....	25.00
Jessie Price .....	25.00
M. V. Miller.....	10.00
John Young .....	10.00
W. Weber .....	10.00
J. H. Earlougher.....	10.00
Jessie Korns .....	10.00
Cash .....	30.00
Mrs. F. Minkes.....	10.00
L. F. Fechtg.....	10.00
Levi Rice .....	10.00
A. J. Hale.....	10.00
W. F. Garland.....	10.00
John Wentling .....	10.00
James Connolly .....	10.00
'Three Friends .....	30.00
John Edwards .....	5.00
Mary Miller .....	5.00
Mrs. Lonabaugh .....	5.00
Miss Korns .....	5.00
Miss M. E. White.....	5.00
P. S. Hendrixon.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hadley.....	10.00
Harry Shuck .....	5.00
S. T. Little.....	5.00
H. B. Buck.....	5.00
Mrs. A. J. Hale.....	5.00

John E. Buck.....	33.00
W. H. Hope.....	5.00
John Henke .....	5.00
M. V. Rumberger.....	5.00
W. E. Garner.....	5.00
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Total .....	\$2,168.00

The night services were equally as largely attended as the morning, and Dr. Poisal preached an able sermon, after which they announced that the morning subscription amounted to \$2,168.00, and reopened the subscription for the liquidation of the debt, and received the following contributions:

Forwarded .....	\$2,168.00
Mrs. Christ .....	5.00
John Humbird .....	25.00
James A. Buckey.....	5.00
Henry Korns .....	25.00
F. Earlougher .....	5.00
J. Pancake .....	5.00
Rev. David Thomas.....	5.00
Edith Edwards .....	5.00
Jennetta Snyder .....	5.00
Lizzie McDonald .....	5.00
Matilda Beall .....	5.00
Mrs. Russell .....	5.00
Mary E. Haller.....	10.00
Eliza Dawson .....	5.00
J. W. Donnelly.....	5.00
W. E. Weber.....	50.00
H. Gordon .....	20.00
Mr. Wallace .....	5.00
Paul A. Piatt.....	5.00
Willie Crist .....	5.00

Harry Beall .....	5.00
Ellen Humbird .....	5.00
Friends .....	43.00
The Choir .....	21.00
Howard Fuller .....	5.00
Mrs. Greenfield .....	5.00
Robert Canary .....	5.00
Geo. Huffman .....	5.00
Mrs. Spates .....	15.00
E. P. Smith.....	10.00
Dr. Scott .....	5.00
Rev. J. W. Duffey.....	5.00
Mollie Willison .....	5.00
Rollie Humbird .....	5.00
W. H. Resley.....	5.00
D. Chisholm .....	5.00
J. V. L. McKaig.....	5.00
Mrs. R. Wineow.....	5.00
Dr. Poisal .....	50.00
G. W. Welste.....	5.00
Ida Buckey .....	1.00
Bishop Kavanaugh .....	5.00
Miss Hadley .....	1.00
Mrs. Baker .....	2.00
Mr. Soyste .....	5.00
Frank Edwards .....	1.00
H. J. McNamee.....	500.00
Cash .....	124.00
 Total .....	\$3,226.00

Leaving an approximate indebtedness of \$2,374 and the lease on the ground.

After which Hon. W. M. Price, in behalf of the trustees of Trinity Church, Cumberland, Md., pre-

sented it to Bishop Kavanaugh, who accepted it in very appropriate terms in behalf of the Baltimore Annual Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And by our dedicatory prayer set it apart from all unhallowed purposes and for the worship of Almighty God. Then he briefly but beautifully and appropriately addressed the congregation on the use of the church, after which the doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction. And thus ended a glorious day for Southern Methodism in Cumberland, Md.

The following article appeared in the Baltimore Episcopal Methodist, the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, November 23rd, 1872:

#### CUMBERLAND, MD.

"Dear Bro. Baird: We are having a glorious revival at Trinity; up to this time seventeen have professed conversion and united with the church. A large portion of the membership have been powerfully blessed. The Lord is doing a great work for us. Bro. P. B. Smith, of West River Circuit, was with us last week; he preached to a large, attentive and appreciative audience, and, as you know, Bro. Smith is a host in himself. He left us on Thursday morning, owing to the dangerous illness of his son. May the Lord strengthen and keep him in health, for there is not a more zealous and faithful watchman on the tower than he. Bros. Carroll and Price, from Parkersburg, W. Va., have been with us this week. And Bro. Carroll preached every night with great power and acceptance, and there has been good results. The young and the old are crying for mercy.

"Bro. Duffey is working as never man worked here.

Thursday night will long be remembered as a wonderful exhibition of the power of God. A number were converted and the whole audience felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord carry on his good work. More anon."

Hence it is evident the church was in a good spiritual condition. And so far as we know the year closed well. Rev. J. W. Duffey was returned in 1873 and the church moved on smoothly. However, the finances must have been a thorn in the flesh, for at the request of John Humbird the mortgage of October 28th, 1871, was recorded on the 15th of September, 1873, in Liber No. 39, folio 527, one of the mortgage records of Allegany County, Maryland.

## CHAPTER IV.

### TRINITY.

According to the minutes of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Rev. Geo. Zimmerman was appointed to Trinity Church, Cumberland, Md., 1874-5, and in addition to the Cumberland work during the summer of 1874, he opened a Sunday school and began preaching in a school house in the grove at Sandy Spring, near Judge U. D. Long's, and held a camp meeting there in 1875, but as the appointment was of short duration we conclude it did not meet with as much success as was expected.

He leaves an account of a well organized church. The board of trustees consisted of John Humbird, Asahel Willison, W. M. Price, John Lonabaugh, Levi Wichard, and John E. Buck. The board of stewards consisted of John Humbird, Asahel Willison, W. M. Price, John Lonabaugh, Levi Wichard, Dr. Joseph Weller, Jacob Snyder, B. R. Edwards, and J. E. Buck; with William M. Price, superintendent of the Sunday school; Dr. Joseph Weller, assistant; W. H. Hope, secretary; B. F. Edwards, treasurer; J. W. Harrison and John Shaffer, librarians.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized April 12th, 1875, by electing Mrs. S. J. Crisp, president; Mrs. G. Trieber, vice president; Mrs. M. P. Hadley, secretary, and Mrs. B. R. Edwards, treasurer. According to the rules adopted the lady members paid 10 cents and the gentlemen 25 cents per month.

And on the 25th of April a Missionary Society was

organized in the Sunday school with the following officers: W. M. Price, president; John Hadley, vice president; W. H. Hope, secretary, and John R. Buck, treasurer. They also elected a board of managers, consisting of Rev. Geo. Zimmerman, P. C., B. R. Edwards, Mrs. S. J. Crisp, Miss Lizzie Bloucher, Dr. J. Weller, Mrs. John Buck and Miss Lou Wolf. They adopted the envelop system and monthly payments. For their day, the stewards made the liberal allowance of \$900 salary for their pastor, which was paid in full.

The following is a calendar of the church services: Class meeting, Sunday morning at 9 a. m.; preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; the Young People's Bible Class in the pastor's study every Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.; prayer meeting every Thursday at 7.30 p. m.; Church Conference on Friday after every first Sunday, 7.30 p. m., and class meeting on the other Fridays at 7.30 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a fair on February 22d, 1876, which lasted a week and brought \$226 into the coffers of the church, which to say the best of it, is a humanly devised method substituted for carrying on the kingdom of grace instead of the divine plan laid down in the word of God. And if not an indication of a misunderstanding of our obligations or a lack of faith in God, it is a disregard of His plans and sooner or later is likely to be detrimental to the kingdom. This first recorded downward and backward step in connection with the Cumberland church soon met with its just deserts.

The farewell sermon of Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, is said to have been an exceedingly able presentation of the scriptures, and the same made a deep impression on the audience.

## CHAPTER V.

### TRINITY SOLD.

Rev. J. Asbury Regester was appointed to Trinity Church, Cumberland, Md., March 8, 1876, and preached his first sermon on the 19th, to the satisfaction and pleasure of all who heard him. However, his stay was short.

The whole country was in the grip of a financial panic. Hence owing to the scarcity of money it became more and more difficult to secure the running expenses of the church.

And as there is no record showing the payment of the annual lease of \$280, or any part of it, or the interest or any part of it, on the mortgage, or any part of the mortgage given October 28th, 1871, which mortgage matured on October 1st, 1875, together amounting to more than \$7,000, without any evidence by which the church could or would come into better condition to meet its obligations, consequently those holding the mortgage foreclosed the same.

And when the crisis came the property which only a few years before was reported to have cost \$15,600, with little or no depreciation (except the scarcity of money) was sold for \$6,500—less than enough to meet the obligations assumed by those who had borne the weight and burden of the enterprise.

Nevertheless, Mr. John Humbird, one of those who bore the burden, told Rev. J. W. Duffey, his former pastor, that he had been sorry that he had not paid off the indebtedness and held the building for the church.

## CHAPTER VI.

### TITLE TO PROPERTY.

Inasmuch as the deed of lease and the title to this property have changed hands so frequently, it may be of some interest to the reader to have a more succinct account than can be easily gotten from the foregoing.

According to the records of Allegany County, Cumberland, Md., Joseph Dilley in 1868 owned in fee simple the lot 63 by 76½ feet on the northeast corner of South Centre and Union Streets in the city of Cumberland, Md. And by lease dated February 15th, 1868, and recorded in Liber No. 27, folio 57, Joseph Dilley and his wife leased this lot to Frederick Minke.

Then by lease dated April 3rd, 1869, and recorded in Liber No. 30, folio 179, Frederick Minke and Eva L. Minke, his wife, leased to John Humbird, Asahel Willison, John E. Buck, Levi Wichard, John Lonabaugh and William E. Price, trustees of the Independent Methodist Church, Cumberland, Md., said lot for a term of ninety-nine years, renewable forever, for \$280 per year, payable semi-annually, viz., 5th of October and 5th of April. Or redeemable at will by the payment of \$3,466 and all arrearages of rent.

The above named trustees built Trinity Independent Methodist Church on said lot, and therefore the church was in their holding, but not having complied with the contract the leasehold was in the hands of Frederick Minke and the title was still held by Joseph Dilley,

hence the three possessions, the church, lease and title in one property.

The church having fallen into straightened circumstances was sold in 1876. Frederick Minke, his wife and above named trustees, by lease dated March 17th, 1877, and recorded in Liber No. 48, folio 253, assigned their leasehold interest therein to the trustees of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church.

After Dilley's death his heirs filed a bill, known as 2954 Equity in the Circuit Court for this county, praying for the sale of Dilley's property, and Benjamin R. Edwards was appointed trustee to sell lot on corner of South Centre and Union Streets.

Edwards, by deed dated March 2nd, 1883, and recorded in Liber No. 59, folio 494, one of the land records of Allegany County, Md., sold and conveyed the fee simple title in said lot to Alpheus Beall, who by deed dated April 6th, 1883, and recorded in Liber No. 59, folio 566, conveyed said fee simple interest to Frederick Minke, so that Frederick Minke then owned the entire interest in said lot.

Frederick Minke and his wife then by deed dated the same day, April 6th, 1883, and recorded in Liber No. 59, folio 583, conveyed the fee simple estate in said lot to A. Hunter Boyd and Robert E. Henderson, trustees, for certain purposes set out in said deed. A. Hunter Boyd and R. E. Henderson, as such trustees, by deed dated December 4th, 1886, and recorded in Liber No. 63, folio 318, conveyed the fee simple title to Ellen S. Stubblefield, who in turn conveyed it to Jacob Humbird, by deed dated February 14th, 1887, and recorded in Liber No. 63, folio 437.

The trustees of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church having conformed with the covenant in lease given by

Frederick Minke, his wife and others, paid not only the ground rent, to hereinafter date mentioned, but also the redemption price, \$3,466, as well. Therefore, Jacob Humbird and E— Humbird, his wife, conveyed the fee simple title to the trustees of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church, by deed dated April 2nd, 1888, and is recorded in Liber No. 65, folio 176. And thus the property in its entirety passes into the possession of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OUR RIGHT TO A PLACE IN CUMBERLAND.

While our people suffered a grievous loss in the sale of the church and were scattered, nevertheless love lingered in the hearts of the children, for their parent, the church, and the church never gives up her children, except those who unite with some other fold or wander away.

We lost our property, but did not lose our right to care for our own, or the right to take part in the salvation of the people in Cumberland, Md., any more than a right to take part in the salvation of the people in the community around Cumberland. And I do not remember of ever hearing of anyone questioning our right to continue our services in the charges that lay all around the city.

Cumberland was not only a hub or business center, but a center of our church in that region, around which lay the charges, Flintstone, Listenburg, Frostburg, Piedmont, Keyser and Springfield. The last named charge at various times had an appointment in the schoolhouse in Ridgeley, W. Va., which was not more than five or six hundred yards from the court house in Cumberland, Allegany County, Md.

And if I am not mistaken, about the time our work was suspended in Cumberland, Humbird Chapel on the Flintstone Circuit, was built, to which much of the furniture and fixtures of the Cumberland Church was moved. I am told that the Humbirds and others re-

siding in Cumberland continued to worship with us by going to Humbird's Chapel. And Mr. John Humbird continued a liberal supporter of the church as long as he lived.

And, besides our members living in Cumberland, others were constantly moving there, and as the city was growing in business it was drawing some of the most efficient members directly from more than half of the charges in the Moorefield District, and indirectly from various parts of our conference territory. Hence the conference was under obligation to open work in the city in order to care for her own.

In 1894 Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann was appointed to Slanesville charge, not far distant from Cumberland, and on his first visit to the city he met Dr. Joseph Weller, who had been an official in Trinity M. E. Church, South, and on subsequent visits to the city he met quite a number of Southern Methodists, who requested him to give them service, and doubtless he would have done so had it not been the Springfield charge was between his work and Cumberland, and therefore he felt it was beyond his jurisdiction.

In 1896 the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. moved its roundhouse from Keyser, W. Va., to Cumberland, Md. This caused quite a number of families connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Keyser, Piedmont, W. Va., and elsewhere, to move to Cumberland and hence augmented the demand for the M. E. Church, South, in Cumberland.

Rev. Geo. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, knowing that many members within the bounds of his District, in order to keep their employment and thereby provide for themselves and families, would be compelled to move from the

place and church of their choice to Cumberland, realized if they were to remain within our fold the imperative necessity of establishing our church in Cumberland, so presented the matter to the ensuing annual conference.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### RETURN TO CUMBERLAND AND SECOND TRINITY.

The Conference heard Rev. Geo. Zimmerman's presentation of the prospective work in Cumberland with interest, and appointed Rev. S. A. Parker to that field on March 30th, 1897.

Arriving on the field he secured St. John's Lutheran Church, corner of Arch and Fourth Streets, and here on the 9th of May at 3 p. m. effected the organization of a Sunday school. He was elected superintendent; Mrs. Amanda Sisk, secretary; Miss Maud Wireman, treasurer; Miss May Cunningham, organist; with the following teachers: J. Robert Portmess, Mrs. Millard Davis, Miss Florence Everstine, Mrs. Mary Stanhagen, Miss Nancy Hosack, Mrs. Vallie Sinclair and Mrs. Emma Edwards, with an enrollment of fifty members.

At the same time and place he also organized the church with twenty-four members—just the same number the church was organizeed with in Pioneer Hall on the 23rd of August, 1868.

The charter members were Mrs. Molley Bedinger, Mrs. Emma Bochtel, Mrs. Fannie Butler, Mr. Harry Cole, Mrs. Olivia Cole, M. F. Davis, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Warner Freeland, W. V. Harriott, Miss Dora Keenen, J. J. Long, Mrs. Laura Long, Mrs. Eliza McNemar, Mrs. S. A. Parker, J. Robert Portmess, Mrs. Florence Purington, Mrs. Ella Rafter, A. D. Randell, Mrs. Nora Randell, William Shea, Mrs. Eliza Shea, Mrs. Amanda Sisk, Mrs. Mary Stanhagen and Mrs.

Vallie Sinclare. They then and there decided to give the congregation the name the original church had, "Trinity."

While the Lutheran minister and congregation were very cordial, nevertheless by the last of June, Rev. S. A. Parker found it was very difficult for two congregations to hold service in the same house and both do their best work, so he concluded to get another place, where he could hold services both morning and night. Hence he rented Roberts' Hall, on Virginia Avenue, and conducted services there on and after the first Sunday of July, 1897.

As the members were scattered over Cumberland, Ridgeley and the regions around, and most of them engaged in railroad employment, it was very difficult to get many of them together at a time, and hence the work moved on slowly.

And in addition to all other difficulties, in the midst of the heated summer months both Mrs. Parker and their little daughter, Marrian, were very ill with typhoid fever, so much so that fear and hope balanced each other in the scales. As soon as they sufficiently recovered, Mr. Parker moved them over to the home of a former friend, Mr. Robert Washington, on the south branch of the Potomac River in Hampshire County, W. Va., where they remained until they regained their health.

The Parkers, having had so much sickness and consequent expenses, and as out of the inadequate allowance of \$200 for himself and family, he had only received \$150 at the Quarterly Conference held in February, 1898, both Rev. George Zimmermann, the P. E., and Rev. S. A. Parker thought seriously of abandoning the field.

Nevertheless, there were some encouraging features; for instance, there were ten officers and teachers with sixty scholars in the Sunday School, and in addition to the charter members, he had received Hiram Alkire, Archibald Allen, Annie Allen, Annie Bowen, Ida Butler, Caroline Brewer, Rar Durrett, Jeremiah Chadwich, Edna Chadwich, Guy Chadwich, Agnes Cordry, Mrs. Dawson, Sarah Dulin, William Durrett, Arvey Durrett, William Everstine, Mary Everstine, Mrs. Fisher, Joseph W. Hansel, Bessie Kalbaugh, Mrs. Will Long, Charles McNemar, Isaac Mills, Savilla Mills, D. M. Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Susie Parker, Alice Pennington, William Peters, Bessie Peters, Emma Short, Mrs. Joseph Walley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Workman, Hattie Trout, Ella Ayers and Asbury Seedar, so that at the end of the year there were fifty-eight members.

This noble little band pressed hard on every side, not only paid its allotment but \$12 in addition. And at the adjourned quarterly conference they decided to continue the work another year.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### SECOND TRINITY ON GRAND AVENUE.

At the Conference held in Hinton, W. Va., March, 1898, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann was appointed to Cumberland, Md., where he remained the ensuing quadrennium.

On arriving he was cordially received and comfortably domiciled in the home of Mr. Millard F. Davis, corner of Grand Avenue and Fourth Street, where the ladies had nicely furnished a room for the incoming pastor. A few days later a reception was given in his honor at same place, and an opportunity afforded him to meet many of the people.

He found a little weak and struggling society in Robert's Hall, on Virginia Avenue, with a congregation of eighteen or twenty, consequently there was little hope of paying rent of hall, much less clearing the past indebtedness of \$12.

And as the hall had been fitted up for theatricals and used for all kinds of entertainments, the pastor did not consider it a suitable place for divine worship or a place inducive to spirituality, hence he immediately set out to see what could be done to better the condition of the church.

On surveying the field he found twenty-five Southern Methodists and as many friends living in what was known or called "Uptown, or Old Cumberland," and most of them near "Trinity," their former church, which was in the center of the city. They had a gen-

uine longing for their own church and were very anxious to begin the re-establishment of Southern Methodism in that part of the city at once. The heart that would not have felt a response could scarcely have been any thing less than adamant.

But as it was impracticable to have two weak and struggling plants at the same time; and as his predecessor had gathered and formed a nucleus in what was designated or known as "South Cumberland," he realized it would never do to frustrate that enterprise. However, the field looked so favorable and the possibilities so real to him, that he assured them that if they would stand by the work already begun, as soon as it was on its feet, they, too, should have a church of their own.

The pastor, not finding a suitable place for divine worship, but seeing several lots on the market, secured options on a half dozen of the most desirable, and on Sunday, May 22, announced from the stand in Robert's Hall that there would be a meeting Thursday, May 26th, at 2 p. m., on corner of Grand Avenue and First Street, to select a location for Trinity M. E. Church, South, and requested all interested to be present. According to announcement, the meeting was held and location decided on. The next day, May 27th, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann purchased of "The Cumberland Improvement & Investment Company," Lots 114-115 and subsequently eleven feet of Lot 116 parallel with Lot 115 of "The Cumberland Improvement Company" a site between First and Second Streets, on Grand Avenue, 90 by 100 feet, for \$341.25.

On Sunday, May 29th, the pastor reported to the congregation that a site for the church had been pur-

chased on Grand Avenue, between First and Second Streets, in the most desirable part of the new section of the city. South Cumberland was a mushroom town, growing in population at the rate of 1,000 a year; most of the people were following their employment and consequently had to dispose of their homes or leave them behind; in either instance, frequently at a sacrifice. They were entirely dependent on their salary, and as many of them were building for themselves and families, therefore money was scarce, very scarce. Nevertheless, they received the information of the purchase of a lot with great satisfaction.

One lady said to another: "Now we will have a place to hold our lawn fetes." Hearing the remark, the pastor announced at the close of his sermon that he would preach the next Sunday to the children, and, in doing so, he took for his text:

"The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 11:40.

He told the beautiful story of Christ's life, and, when He became a man and entered upon the ministry, how disappointed and disgusted He was when He came to the temple, the church, and found the people there, retailing, selling things, in his Father's house; whereupon He drove them out, saying the church should be a place of prayer and not a place of merchandise or money-making. And from that day to the end of His pastorate there was not even so much as a mention of an entertainment to make money for the church, though it was poor and needed every penny it could get.

New hope having been engendered, great activity

became perceptible in every department of the church. The Sunday school grew rapidly, so that by Children's Day, in June, there were 11 officers and teachers with 133 scholars enrolled.

Rev. B. F. Ball was appointed presiding elder of the Moorefield District on the 28th of March, 1898, and remained the ensuing quadrennium.

He held the First Quarterly Conference of Cumberland Charge, for the current year 1898-9, on the 27th of June, in Millard F. Davis' home, corner of Grand Avenue and Fourth Street. Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C. Daniel, M. Parker, J. Robert Portmess, Mrs. Barbara Chadwich, and Mrs. Maggie Davis were present. J. Robert Portmess was elected secretary and recording secretary.

Daniel M. Parker, Jeremiah Chadwich, Milliard F. Davis, Albert D. Randall and J. Robert Portmess were elected stewards.

The Presiding Elder's salary having been fixed by the District Stewards at \$20, was accepted, and the stewards set their pastor's salary at \$300.

While these were the days of small things, nevertheless they are not to be despised, for in them we were laying a foundation for larger and greater things. The finances already showed an improved condition, \$27 having been raised and used in furnishing the pastor's room. The incidental collections of \$18.75 was sufficient to pay hall rent in full to the first of May. The stewards paid the presiding elder's quota, \$5.00, in full and the preacher in charge \$24.63, while the pastor reported the purchase of a church and parsonage site 90 by 100 feet on Grand Avenue for \$341.25, \$70 of which he had paid and had \$130 in hand, with

\$78 in good subscriptions, only leaving \$63.25 to be raised. Hence, a considerable change had taken place in this week and struggling church since the Fourth Quarterly Conference of last year. Now all are filled with hopefulness and enthusiasm.

With this encouragement the Quarterly Conference elected J. Robert Portmess, Jeremiah T. Chadwick, Millard F. Davis, Daniel M. Parker, Albert D. Randall, Archibald J. Allen, and Willard Everstine a Board of Trustees for Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md.

On the first day of July, 1898, Trinity's force began the erection of a Tabernacle 30 by 50 feet on their own lot, and while it was not attractive to the artistic eye, nevertheless it was exceedingly comfortable during the summer months. It was very simple, consisting of nine posts, with plank roof, cotton curtain siding and a carpet of native green. Those not favorable toward the enterprise often stigmatized it as "the hay barracks;" but it drew and grew.

The first Sunday, the 3rd day of July, 1898, was a beautiful day and Trinity Sunday School was out in full, just one year from the time Rev. S. A. Parker moved Trinity Sunday school and congregation into Roberts Hall; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann moved them into the Tabernacle on their own lot, Grand Avenue. It is impossible to express in cold print the delight manifested in the services held that day on the parsonage site of Trinity Church.

When once on their own property, the Sunday school and congregation steadily grew, while other churches, on account of the summer heat, had small congregations. Trinity Tabernacle congregation was large, and

enthusiasm filled the hearts of one and all who were connected with the enterprise.

Mrs. Annie Allen, wife of Archibald Allen, a member of Trinity and teacher in the Sunday school, told Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann of the little village called St. Clairsville (now Ridgeley), which lays across and in the elbow of the Potomac River in Mineral County, W. Va., not more than three or four hundred yards from the Alleghany County Court House, Cumberland, Md., and stated that there was a two-room school house in the village and both were well filled with children, hence she thought it a good opening for a Sunday school and invited her pastor to survey the field. The invitation was accepted, and while there were but seven Southern Methodists and three children in their homes in the community, nevertheless announcement was made and Sunday school was organized on August 9th, 1898, in the Ridgeley school house, by electing Robert J. Radcliff, superintendent; Miss Bernice Everstine, secretary; Mrs. Mary Lawrence, treasurer; Mrs. Annie M. Allen, Mrs. Fred Hadra, Mrs. Elmer Biggs and Mrs. Charlie Ridgeley, teachers, with 45 scholars.

Trinity congregation, realizing it must have a more permanent place of worship before winter set in, decided to build a chapel 30 by 50 feet on the rear of their lot, and began excavating for it in the early part of August, 1898.

As the membership was small and means limited, the pastor and male members decided to do the excavating themselves. The day on which the work began Bro. Millard F. Davis, an engineer on the B. & O. Railroad, a Trustee and Steward of the church, lent

a helping hand, and all went well and joyful. The next morning the work was resumed and pushed forward to completion, Bro. Davis having been called to the post of duty responded, during which trip and in a moment when he least suspected danger, was caught in a trap, by the running away of his train down the seventeen-mile grade, and the pinning of his limb against the red hot door of the fire box, which burned the marrow in the bone and caused its amputation. This was the first sad stroke to the church and entailed a life-long affliction on him and his family.

Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, having collected sufficient money, paid for Trinity M. E. Church, South, and parsonage lot on Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Maryland, September 7th, 1898, and the deed is recorded in Liber No. 83, folio 661, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County, Cumberland, Maryland.

"This deed, made this 7th day of September, 1898, by and between the Cumberland Improvement and Investment Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of Maryland, party of the first part;

"The Cumberland Improvement Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of Maryland, party of the second part, and

"J. Robert Portmess, Jeremiah T. Chadwick, Millard F. Davis, Daniel M. Parker, A. D. Randall, Archibald J. Allen and Willard Everstine as Trustees of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Maryland, and their successors in office, as from time to time appointed according to the laws and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under and pursuant to the laws of this State, party of the third part.

"Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of \$341.25 lawful money of the United States of America, \$300 of which sum has been well and truly paid by the party of the third part, to the party of the first part, and \$41.25 by the party of the third part, to the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

"The said parties of the first and second parts have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the party of the third part and their successors and assigns, now possessed, all those lots, parcels of land in or near the city of Cumberland, Maryland, in Alleghany County, in what is known as the Southern Addition of Cumberland, Improvement and Investment Company, known as Lots 114 and 115, and that portion of Lot 116 lying immediately adjoining Lot 115, being eleven feet front on Grand Avenue, and running back in a straight line eleven feet wide adjoining Lot 115 to Wendell Alley.

"The said Lots 114 and 115 belonging to the party of the first part, and that portion of the Lot 116 above described belonging to the party of the second part.

"Together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining. To have and to hold all and singular the premises above mentioned unto the said Trustees of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, their successors and assigns forever.

"In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South, and a residence for the use

and occupancy of the preacher of the M. E. Church, South, who may from time to time be appointed in said place, subject to the usage, discipline and ministerial appointment of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church, and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are or may hereafter be situated.

"Whenever it shall become necessary or may be deemed expedient by the proper authorities of the said church to sell or otherwise to dispose of said bargained premises or any part thereof, they may and are hereby empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of the same by and through the said Trustees and their successors, under and pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, then and at that time in force.

"And the said parties of the first and second parts hereby covenant with the party of the third part that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed, and that they will execute such other and further assurance of said land as may be requisite.

"And their deed further witnesseth, that the parties of the first and second parts do each severally hereby appoint Claud D. Lockwood of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, to be their attorney for them and each of them and in their name and as and for their corporation and deeds to acknowledge this deed before any person having authority by the law of the State of Maryland, to take such acknowledgment, to the intent that the same may be duly recorded."

The corporate seal and the names of Simon Rosenbaum, president, and D. P. Miller, secretary, are af-

fixed to the deed.

"State of Maryland, Alleghany County.

"I hereby certify that on the seventh day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Alleghany County, personally appeared Claude D. Lockwood, the attorney named in the above deed, and by virtue and in pursuance of the authority therein conferred upon him, acknowledged the said deed to be the respectiv act of the said The Cumberland Improvement and Investment Company and The Cumberland Improvement Company.

(Signed) "CHARLES R. MORRIS,  
*"Justice of the Peace."*

Trinity's Second Quarterly Conference for the current year was held in the pastor's study, corner of Grand Avenue and Fourth Street, September 22d, 1898. Rev. B. F. Ball, P. E.; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C.; J. Robert Portmess, D. M. Parker and A. D. Randall were present.

At which time and after attending to the regular business of the Quarterly Conference, a building committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, D. M. Parker, Robert Twigg, and Harry Cole, was appointed. On adjournment of the Conference the committee met and, concurring with the action previously taken by the congregation, decided to build a chapel 30 by 50 feet of Gothic architecture, with stone foundation, the two ends and rear side red brick and the front side frame covered with penciled tin, representing brick, so as to be easily removed when the auditorium is built, and with slate roof. And as a good deal of

labor and material had been subscribed the committee decided to have the work done by the day, instead of contracting.

D. M. Parker and J. H. Kuhlmann were chosen to superintend the work. They employed Robert F. Twigg to build the foundation walls for \$35, which he gave as his donation. Mr. Street was employed to do the brick work and Jacob Oats to do the wood work.

The stone for the foundation were given by the Bell Brothers and McKaig & Co. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad hauled them to the Virginia Avenue crossing free of charge. The Queen City Brick Co. gave 8,000 brick and Henry W. Bloucher 6,000 brick. C. Miller gave \$56 on the slate, and Henry Miltenburger \$20 worth of lumber. Many others contributed, among whom a gentleman passing the church in the process of erection said, "I want to help in the erection of this church because it does not hold entertainments for money making," and immediately made his contribution.

As the work on the foundation came to completion, arrangements were made for the first public demonstration; but, unlike the cornerstone laying of the First Trinity Church, in Cumberland, there was no sound of the bugle, nor tramp of the multitude, nor feasting; but in the bleak wind of autumn, on the 13th of October, 1898, in the presence of a goodly gathering, Rev. B. F. Ball of Romney, W. Va., in the use of our beautiful ritual, laid the cornerstone of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md.

The substructure being completed and the material on hand, the erection of the church went steadily on.

The cold winds of October and November were voices calling for activity, lest winter come before the church was ready for occupancy. Consequently every nerve was strained and every energy exerted in order that the work might be pressed forward.

However, owing to financial limitations, it was evident that the church could not be completed at once. Nevertheless, there was a strong persuasion that it could be enclosed and made sufficiently comfortable to hold service in by the first of December, which day was set for the formal opening.

Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue,  
Cumberland, Md.

The Cornerstone Laid October 13, 1898,  
and Opened December 1, 1898.

J. H. KUHLMANN, Pastor.

The day was gray and uninviting, but promptly at 9.30 a. m. Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, pastor and superintendent; Miss Edna Chadwich, secretary; J. R. Portmess, Mrs. Barbara Chadwich, Mrs. Annie Allen, Miss Annie Bowen, Misses Florence and Emma Everstine, teachers, with 150 scholars, marched from the Tabernacle into the new chapel and held the first service in it.

Long before the hour of public worship the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. At 11 a. m. Rev. Rumsey Smithson, D. D., of Charlestown, W. Va., preached an excellent sermon, one calculated to make all want to live more efficient lives. The church being free of debt, only the ordinary collection was taken. Dr. Smithson was given \$10, but with express-

sions of pleasure he returned it to be used in the further improvements of the church. The pastor preached at 7.30 p. m. and the day closed with satisfaction to all.

Though in the midst of winter, the work continued on the interior of the church, and as there were only four dwellings in the square on both sides of Grand Avenue, the church virtually stood out in the cold fields, without sidewalks of any kind, so that in order that the people could get through the mud to the church, it was necessary to take church funds and make cinder walks.

The Quarterly Conference met for the first time in the new church on December 30th, 1898. Revs. B. F. Ball, P. E.; J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C.; M. F. Davis, Mrs. M. F. Davis and Mrs. Jeremiah Chadwick were present.

Trinity Church Conference was called to order by the pastor after religious services on March 26th, 1899. The reports showed the spiritual and financial state of the church in good condition. On calling the roll it was found that Miss Dora Keener, Miss Hattie Troutman and Joseph W. Hansel had been absent more than a year, and, as their residence was unknown, on motion and vote of the society, their names were removed from the church roll.

On the 27th of March Robert F. Twigg, Archibald J. Allen and Willard Everstine were added to the Board of Stewards for the ensuing year. George W. Pollock was elected superintendent of Trinity Sunday School and Robert J. Radcliff superintendent of Ridgeley Sunday School.

The record shows there were two Sunday Schools with 21 officers and teachers and 210 scholars; that 32

had been received into the church and four removed, leaving a membership of 86. The salaries were paid in full, and Conference assessments overpaid; that the church had personal property worth \$747, and a church worth \$1,633, with an indebtedness of \$500.

As a mark of development and appreciation the official board on the 17th of July, 1899, advanced their pastor's salary \$100.

For a long while Ridgeley, W. Va., was regarded as common or neutral territory, to be occupied by any or none. At times it was an appointment in the Springfield Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and at other times different denominations of Cumberland gave it attention, but as often abandoned the field.

And now, as it has been a long while without preaching, and as Robert Radcliff and his assistants had successfully conducted the Sunday school organized by Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann in the public school house of Ridgeley, W. Va., for more than a year, and as Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann was regarded as preacher in charge, he decided to and did open a preaching appointment there on the first Sunday of October, 1899.

When the pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, Md., began preaching in Ridgeley, W. Va., it soon revived the evangelistic spirit in the heart of Rev. Theodor Yost, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of North Centre and Baltimore Streets, so that he, too, wanted to have part in the salvation of that people, and following the precedents made an announcement for preaching in Ridgeley school house.

The people turned out with appreciation and on having such an encouraging congregation he felt it was

time to garner the grain and announced that he would continue the meeting. However, after a few evenings, being unable to fill his appointment, he secured the services of Rev. Peter Fagan, a negro local preacher of McKendree (African M. E. Church), Cumberland, to fill the vacancy. This so astonished and incensed the public that they refused to attend his services thereafter, and consequently he had to discontinue and withdraw.

On October 24th, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann sprang a surprise on the ladies of Trinity congregation by telling them of his engagement to Miss Mary L. Perrie of Westwood, Md., and that they were to be married on October 31st. They received the news kindly and immediately set about and comfortably furnished the house he had rented of D. M. Parker, corner of First and Arch Streets. A committee met the returning couple at Queen City and escorted them to the newly-furnished home, where a reception awaited them.

Mrs. Kuhlmann was a woman of refinement and culture and grace, with rare insight into character and of unusual adaptability, so that the poorest or humblest felt at ease in her presence, and the learned or cultured realized they were with their equal. She at once took an active part in the work of the church and became a great help to both her companion and the ladies of the church.

Trinity having been completed, all were looking forward with great anticipation to the day of its dedication. And when it came the weather was fair and the air tinged with frost. The congregation filled the house long before the hour of public worship.

At 11 a. m., on November 12th, 1899, Rev. S. K.





Trinity Chapel, M. E. Church South  
Cumberland, Md.

Dedicated November 12, 1899  
Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, Pastor

Cox, D. D., of Winchester, Va., preached in the sweetest spirit and choicest diction the dedicatory sermon, and then in the use of the beautiful ritual of the M. E. Church, South, dedicated Trinity Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md.

The church, being free of debt, only the usual collection was taken, which was a great surprise to all except those on the inner circle who knew of the careful financing of the enterprise. This done, the church had redeemed itself and gained the confidence of the public and paved the way for future enterprises.

After the dedication Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann began a series of meetings in the Ridgeley school house, during which time the Dunkards or German Baptists made an appointment for same date, hour, and place; but on arriving they found Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann back of the stand and in the act of beginning services, during which they remained and then disappeared to return no more. This gave the pastor full and complete right of way.

The meeting resulted in four accessions on profession of faith and seven by certificates, and the formation of a class of eleven members on November 27th, 1899.

The charter members were Hiram Alkire, Archibald J. Allen, Annie M. Allen, Bernice Everstine, Mollie Biggs, Robert Radcliff, Elizabeth Hadra, Nora Long, Charles W. Deffinbaugh, Jennie Wisner, and Leacreia Coffman.

Trinity Sr. League was organized on the 4th of January, 1900, with 25 members, by electing J. Robert Portmess, president; Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, first vice president; Miss Minnie Nixon, second vice president;

Miss Ida Boggess, third vice president; Miss Edna Chadwick, secretary; Miss Lizzie, treasurer, and on the following day, January 5th, Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann organized the Junior League with 19 members.

In addition to the general mid-week prayer meeting, the ladies held a woman's prayer service once a week from house to house, which was productive of great good, so that, about the 15th of January, 1900, there was a spiritual quickening in the church, a gracious revival which resulted in nine accessions on profession of faith and eleven by certificates. Consequently the activities of the church were greatly increased.

John J. Long, Edward Nixon and Charles Starns were added to the Board of Stewards on the 23rd of March and the official board re-elected for the ensuing year. J. Robert Portmess, recording steward, and J. T. Chadwick, district steward; George W. Poock, superintendent of Trinity, and Robert Radcliff, superintendent of Ridgeley Sunday Schools.

By the close of the year the salaries and conference collections were in full, and the church raised during the year \$1,419, and had church property worth \$2,676.

The work had taken a vigorous hold on the pastor, so that he was intensely interested in establishing the church, the kingdom of Christ.

As the city was growing at the rate of 1,000 a year and most of the growth in South Cumberland, a part of which was on the south side of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; between it and the Potomac River, and was known as Walshe's and Humbirds' additions with a population of 1,000, where the glass plant, tin plate mill, Webers' planing mill, the B. & O. Railroad roundhouse and shops were located. Hence, it was but

natural for those employed in these enterprises to seek residences convenient to their employmnt.

As the B. & O. Railroad yard was in two sections, part lying in what was known as Old Cumberland, consisting of a dozen or more tracks, and part in what was known as South Cumberland, consisting of seventeen or more tracks converging into three or four tracks at the Virginia Avenue crossing made it an exceedingly dangerous crossing for adults, much less children.

And as most of the parents were so engaged that they could not attend Sunday School and bring their children, and as the crossing was too dangerous for the children to attempt to cross there alone, it was next to impossible to get many of the children in Sunday School on the hill.

Although, so far as known, there was only one man and three women, or four members of the Southern Methodist Church with one child, in that section of the city, nevertheless it seemed to be an open, inviting and promising field to Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, so on the 27th of May, 1900, he rented a room 16 by 18 feet on the west side of Virginia Avenue, in Walsh's addition, and with the assistance of Miss Edna Chadwick, Miss Lizzie Pugh, and Miss Minnie Nixon, all members of Trinity Church and Sunday School, he organized Agur Chapel Sunday School at 2 p. m., on the fourth Sunday of May, 1900. J. H. Kuhlmann, superintendent and treasurer; Miss Edna Chadwick, secretary and teacher; Miss Lizzie Pugh and Miss Minnie Nixon, teachers, and 25 scholars.

The next Sunday the number of scholars were doubled, there being 50 present. Mrs. Harriet Orn-

doff and Mrs. J. R. Donaldson were present and offered their services and were appointed teachers.

On the third Sunday the superintendent, five teachers and eighty scholars were present. How, in the midst of the summer heat, to get them in a room 16 by 18 feet and seat them on fifty chairs was a problem, and from the experience up to that time it was natural to conclude that there would be others present the next Sunday. Hence, the quarters were inadequate. And as there was no larger room to be gotten, the school moved out under some scattered oak trees, where the children could sit on logs, stumps or the green grass. In six weeks the school had grown to 150.

Hence, it was evident that something must be done to secure a place for the Sunday School. But as the pastor was teaching in Trinity School at 9.30 a. m. and preaching there at 11 a. m., superintending Agur Chapel Sunday School at 2 p. m., visiting Ridgeley Sunday School and preaching at 4 p. m., attending Trinity League at 7 p. m., and preaching there at 8 p. m., his hands were full.

About this time Rev. B. F. Ball, the Presiding Elder, secured Rev. Robert K. Nevitt, a young preacher (the son of Rev. Thomas G. Nevitt, a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South), who was just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, a vigorous canvas was made and the people showed they were interested in providing for the Sunday School in their midst.

The First Quarterly Conference for the current year was held July 9th, 1900. Revs. B. F. Ball, P. E.; J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C.; Robert K. Nevitt, Jr., M. F.

Davis, John J. Long, and J. Robert Portmess were present. William Henderson was elected superintendent of Agur Chapel Sunday School, and the following League officers were confirmed:

Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, president; Miss Minnie Nixon, first vice president; Mrs. Grace Street, second vice president; Miss Lizzie Pugh, third vice president; Mrs. Annie Allen, treasurer; Miss Edna Chadwich, secretary, and Miss Clara Orndoff, organist.

The record shows that Trinity Church was in excellent condition, the Sunday Schools were flourishing, the Leagues were active, and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of ten members recently organized (in Ren's Nest, the parsonage on Race Street) was taking its place among the active forces of the church. J. H. Kuhlmann was authorized to lease a lot and build a tabernacle for the Agur Chapel Sunday School.

The canvass continued for funds to provide a place for the Sunday School, and as the people responded so readily and it was evident they would soon need a more permanent place than a tabernacle in which to hold the Sunday School, so a called Quarterly Conference was held July 23rd. Rev. B. F. Ball, P. E.; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C.; Rev. R. K. Nevitt, Jr., Rev. Davis, J. J. Long, and Edward Nixon were present. At which time J. H. Kuhlmann reported that Lot No. 231, on Humbird Street, Humbird's Addition, South Cumberland, could be leased one year for \$10, with the privilege of purchasing said lot for \$125. The lease money payment, to be part of the first payment on said lot.

Whereupon he was authorized to lease said lot with

said privileges, which he did. And as there were but four members of the church in that section of the city, three women and one man, and he away from home, the whole matter was placed in the hands of the pastor. He decided to build a little chapel 25 by 35 feet of Gothic style. The work was begun on August 2d, 1900, by the Twigg brothers hauling the foundation stone, J. H. Kuhlmann and R. K. Nevitt with pick and shovel in hand excavating and laying the foundation, and many of the men, as they returned from labor, lent a helping hand, so that the foundation was built without expense. In the meantime, the carpenters were at work and in six days the building was on the foundation.

However, this rapid progress was suddenly interrupted. Sunday morning, August 5th, was beautiful and calm; but as the day passed it became intensely hot and between 4 and 5 p. m. a heavy black cloud interlined with peculiar sprays of grayish tinge covered the heavens and a terrific storm much like a cyclone passed over Cumberland, in the midst of which some houses rocked, others were moved on their foundation and at least one blown to the ground.

The storm passed and the 8 p. m. services at Trinity held, the pastor and his wife having great apprehension as to the consequences that had befallen the recently-erected chapel, concluded to stroll in the moonlight of Agur, and on reaching there found it blown to the ground.

As they stood gazing on the fallen building, it would be difficult to express their feeling of dilemma. Debts loomed up before them. No money in the treasury to meet former obligations, much less increased expenses.

No one to finance the enterprise. No one with whom to counsel. No time for misgiving thoughts, much less questions, that might awaken suspicions on the part of the people as to ability or purpose to go on, and thus thwart the enterprise. No time to stop. No way by which to retrace the steps already taken, but to stop. And that could not be done and pay for the material already gotten. Besides, the Sunday School demonstrated the necessity of the church; hence, resolutions strong and steadfast had to be quickly formed, for the questions must be answered on the morrow.

Those who had erected the building were on hand early Monday morning and when told it was to be taken to pieces and put together again they set about it immediately, and, strange to say, there were only four pieces of timber broken.

Some sent their subscriptions without being asked, others increased theirs, and others voluntarily sent in contributions. So that, instead of the storm being a disaster, it was a blessing in disguise.

The chapel once more on its foundation, the work advanced so rapidly that it was virtually enclosed in six days. At least sufficient to hold service on August 12th, 1900. Sunday School at 1 p. m. and preaching at 2 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann. And these services were continued regularly thereafter.

It was called "Agur" because of the difficulties encountered in its erection. On September 17, 1900, J. H. Kuhlmann purchased Lot No. 231, being the same lot leased of the "Humbird Land and Improvement Company, Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland," for Agur Chapel, M. E. Church, South.

And on October 28th, 1900, the pastor opened the doors of the church and received Ida M. Messic and

Maud F. Holtzman by certificate, who became the charter members of Agur. Robert F. Twigg and Christina Twigg were received November 11th by transfer from Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue.

At this time Jacob T. Taylor, Robert F. Twigg, William Henderson, Millard Rice and George W. Holtzman were elected a Board of Trustees, according to the laws of Maryland, for Agur Chapel.

The chapel held its first Children's Day Service at 8 p. m., December 27th, 1900. The attendance was large, the attention good and the results beneficial.

According to the records of December 28th, the work on the chapel to date cost \$800. While the contributions toward the same, in labor and material amounted to \$184.40, and in cash \$237.82, making a total of \$422.22, leaving a balance of \$377.78, as indebtedness.

The Board of Trustees, elected November 11th, was confirmed December 28th, 1900, and their names in due time written into both "The Charter of Incorporation and Deed of Agur Chapel."

At this time the Trinity Leagues were doing well and developing efficient material. And in their December meeting elected as officers for the ensuing year: Miss Edna Chadwick, president; Mrs. Millard Davis, first vice president; Miss Virginia Hammond, second vice president; Miss Lizzie Pugh, third vice president; Miss Ida Boggess, secretary; Miss Minnie Nixon, treasurer; and Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, superintendent of the Junior League.

And as the most interesting feature in these details must be the steady numerical and spiritual development of the church, it is with pleasure we note a meeting held in Trinity, January, 1901, resulted in ten admissions on profession of faith, and two by certificate.

The Charter of Incorporation of Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is recorded in Liber T. L. No. 3, folio 192, one of the Records of Certificates of Incorporation of Alleghany County, State of Maryland.

The Certificate of Incorporation of Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland, was filed January 15th, 1901.

"Be it remembered and it is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the members of Agur Chapel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the city of Cumberland, in Alleghany County, State of Maryland, above the age of twenty-one years old, held on the eleventh day of November, 1900, at the church building of the congregation on Humbird Street, in the city of Cumberland, in said County and State. Said meeting held after due notice publicly given from the pulpit of said church by the pastor, John H. Kuhlmann, according to the usage and custom of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"The following named persons, male members of said church, and all of whom are citizens of the County of Alleghany, State of Maryland, and the United States of America, were duly elected as Trustees for the said church, to-wit:

"Jacob T. Taylor, Robert F. Twigg, William R. Henderson, George W. Holtzman, and Millard M. Rice, together with the preacher in charge and who may at any time be in charge of said church in the name and behalf of said congregation to be a body politic or corporate to hold the estate and property of the same until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

"And at the said place, the said members of said

Agur Chapel, of the M. E. Church, South, in said City of Cumberland, did adopt the following plan or regulation as a constitution for the government of said corporation of society.

“ARTICLE 1.

“The name of this Corporation shall be The Trustees of Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland. And the name of the congregation choosing the same is Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Humbird Street, in Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland.

“ARTICLE 2.

“The qualification of an elector shall be as follows. Each elector shall be of the age of twenty-one years or over and shall be a member of said congregation and a contributor to its support, and shall at the time of voting be registered as a member of said congregation.

“ARTICLE 3.

“The Trustees already elected shall serve until the next ensuing Fourth Quarterly Conference of said church or chapel, from and after which they shall be elected annually in the following manner, that is to say, the preacher in charge of said church or congregation shall by virtue of his office be ex officio president of the body corporate, whose duty it shall be to call its meetings and at the Fourth Quarterly Conference in each year shall nominate at least five persons, each of whom shall be at least twenty-one years of age, sober and discreet persons, all males, three-fifths of

whom shall be members of the M. E. Church, South. And the Quarterly Conference of said church or chapel shall then and there proceed to elect by a majority vote of the members present at least five Trustees. And if a vacancy should occur in said Board of Trustees by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled in the same manner as herein prescribed for the regular election of Trustees and at the Quarterly Conference next such vacancy has occurred and in event of the failure to elect Trustees at any subsequent Quarterly Conference all Trustees shall hold their office until said successors are elected. And a majority of the Trustees elected shall constitute a quorum.

"The Board of Trustees shall elect their own secretary and treasurer, whenever it shall be deemed necessary or expedient. Any two members may call a meeting in the absence or death of the preacher in charge, and the members present, if a quorum, shall elect one of their own members chairman of the meeting in his stead.

#### "ARTICLE 4.

"The Trustees shall in all respects be amenable to the Quarterly Conference of said church or chapel and shall perform all their duties in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the discipline of the M. E. Church, South, so long as the same do not conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland or the Certificate of Incorporation.

#### "ARTICLE 5.

"All property, real and personal, now vested in the Trustees for the use of said church and all other property belonging to the same or that may hereafter be-

long to said church or corporation, is and shall be vested in said body corporate and its successors forever and shall be held by them in accordance with the terms and conditions for holding such property. Now prescribed and that may be from time to time prescribed in the discipline Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

#### “ARTICLE 6.

“The Articles of Incorporation and all proceedings of said body corporate shall be recorded in a good and sufficient book to be preserved and kept for the purpose, and shall be subject to the inspection of the members of said church from time to time, and shall be laid before the Quarterly Conference whenever called for by that body.

“Witness the hands and seals of the minister in charge of said church and the said Trustees, this 5th day of January, in the year nineteen hundred.

(Signed) “J. H. KUHLMANN, P. C.;  
“MILLARD M. RICE,  
“ROBERT F. TWIGG,  
“JACOB T. TAYLOR,  
“GEO. W. HOLTZMAN,  
“WILLIAM HENDERSON.”

“I hereby certify that on this fifth day of January, in the year nineteen hundred, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Alleghany County, personally appeared John H. Kuhlmann, Jacob T. Taylor, Millard M. Rice, George W. Holtzman, Robert F. Twigg, and William Henderson, and did each acknowledge the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation to be their act and deed.

(Signed) “GEORGE W. GASSMAN,  
“Justice of the Peace.”

"I, David W. Shaw, Associated Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing certificate has been submitted to me for my examination, and I do further certify that the said certificate is in conformity with the provisions of the law authorizing the formation of said corporation.

"DANIEL W. SHAW,  
"Associated Judge of the Fourth Judicial  
Circuit of Maryland."

At the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the current year, held March 1st, 1901, J. R. Portmess, M. F. Davis, J. T. Chadwick, A. J. Allen, J. J. Long, R. F. Twigg, Jacob T. Taylor, Edward Nixon, Daniel C. Twigg and Claude Robinson were elected a Board of Stewards for the ensuing year; J. Robert Portmess, superintendent of Trinity Sunday School; Robert Radcliffe, superintendent of Cavalry Sunday School, Ridgeley, W. Va.; and William Henderson, superintendent of Agur Chapel Sunday School.

And on motion, Hiram Alkire, Archibald J. Allen, Robert A. Radcliffe, Charles A. Deffinbaugh, together with the pastor, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann were elected a Board of Trustees for Calvary, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va.

As an evidence of the spiritual condition and development of the church at this time, there was a class meeting, Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a Woman's mid-week prayer meeting, three general mid-week prayer meetings, and two Leagues.

The painstaking superintendent of the Junior League not only secured regular attendance at the Sabbath 3 p. m. service, but also instilled in the chil-

dren a joy in helping raise the Conference collections and relieving the Indian sufferers.

The pastor conducted the three mid-week prayer meetings, taught at 9.30 a. m. in Trinity Sunday School, preached at 11 a. m., superintended or taught in Agur Chapel Sunday School at 1 p. m., and preached at 2 p. m., attended Calvary Sunday School at 3.30 p. m., and preached at 4 p. m., returning to Trinity and took part in the League at 7 p. m. and preached at 8 p. m. weekly, so that by the end of the year all realized the work had become too heavy for one man.

Great success attending the work on every hand, Rev. C. M. Hesser was secured at the Roanoke Conference and appointed to Cumberland on April 9, 1901, as Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann's assistant.

So the day came when the promised service in the center of Cumberland, made years before to the faithful in that section of the city, could be fulfilled.

And as there were seventeen members of Trinity congregation and as many more Southern Methodists living up town or in Old Cumberland, it was decided to take steps in that direction at once. One of the difficult problems to be solved was securing a suitable place for worship, and at the same time not bring a financial embarrassment on the congregation.

In order to establish the appointment, Mr. J. Robert Portmess, an active and liberal member, offered to give the use of a part of his studio (or photograph gallery) in Belvidere Hall, on Baltimore Street, which was in the very center of the city. The offer was gladly and appreciatively accepted.

And on Sunday, May 5, 1901, at 9.30 a meeting was held in Belvidere Hall, at which time Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann organized the Belvidere Sunday School

(afterward known as Central) with twenty-one members.

J. Robert Portmess was elected superintendent; Geo. Pollock, secretary; M. R. Adams, treasurer; Mrs. Annie Adams, organist; with the following teachers: J. Robert Portmess, Miss Annie Bowen and Miss Barbara Duninger. Together with the above-named the charter members were John Grayson, Kate Grayson, J. Watson Grayson, Frank O. Grayson, Eugene W. Grayson, Meta Grayson, Louise Grayson, Georgie Adams, Pauline M. Adams, Russell G. Adams, May Leisure, Susie Robinson, Nellie Robinson, Harry Robinson, Charlie Robinson and Chester Portmess. The school closed and Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann preached at 11 a. m.

The Cumberland station in three years had grown into a circuit of four regular appointments, viz., Agur Chapel, Belvidere Hall, Calvary, and Trinity.

The First Quarterly Conference for the current year 1901-2 met in Trinity, June 24th. Revs. B. F. Ball, P. E., J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C., and Rev. C. M. Hesser, M. F. Davis, J. T. Chadwich, J. R. Portmess, A. J. Allen, J. J. Long, D. C. Twigg and J. T. Taylor were present.

The Presiding Elder's salary having been set by the District's stewards meeting at \$30, the stewards of the charge made an allowance of \$600 for the preacher in charge and \$300 for the assistant. Agur reported \$11.85, Belvidere \$18.75, Calvary \$11.35, and Trinity \$52.04, making a total of \$93.99, and paid Revs. B. F. Ball \$8, J. H. Kuhlmann \$55.99, and C. M. Hesser \$30.

On July 4th, 1901, Mrs. Archibald Allen and J. H. Kuhlmann succeeded in purchasing a lot 45 by 90 feet, for Calvary M. E. Church, South, of Philip Miller

and his wife for \$150. A prominent and beautiful location on the north point of Nobly Mountain, Ridgeley, Mineral County, W. Va., overlooking the Potomac River on the west, north and east, and a favorable resort of the young people on a hot and sultry Sunday afternoon, this put new life and vigor in that appointment and the work in general.

The presence and surging of latent forces in the Belvidere work was shown by organizing a Woman's Home Missionary Society in Miss Annie Bowen's home, No. 18 South George Street, Cumberland, Md., by electing Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, president; Mrs. J. Robert Portmess, secretary, and Mrs. Claud Robinson, treasurer. This society immediately took an active part in the work.

However, not long thereafter Mr. J. Robert Portmess, meeting with an opportunity to dispose of his interests in Belvidere Hall, did so on Friday, July 19th, 1901.

One of the members, Miss Annie Bowen, on hearing of the transaction, informed the pastor of the fact; and as immediate possession was given it would be necessary to secure another place of worship by the succeeding Sabbath.

Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann not only realized the necessity of promptness in action, but also the importance of getting a place as near the center of the city as possible, and as the congregation was small and limited in means, it seemed prudent to him to get a place with as little embarrassment as possible.

Finding he could secure a room in the Commercial Business College on North Centre Street for \$1.25 a Sunday, or \$5 per month, he rented it, and on the 21st day of July, 1901, moved the congregation from Bel-

videre Hall, Baltimore Street, to the Commercial College on North Centre Street, where it remained, however, only a short while.

On th 3rd of August, 1901, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann paid \$105, balance due on lot 231 for Agur Chapel and secured the deed which is recorded in Liber No. 88, folio 527, one of the deed records of Alleghany County, State of Maryland.

Rev. B. F. Ball, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, separated the Uptown congregation from the rest of the work and placed Rev. C. M. Hesser in charge, who on the 18th of August, 1901, moved the congregation from the Commercial Business College, North Centre Street, to the Jewish Synagoge, on South Centre Street.

In recording the progress of the work, we turn again to Agur Chapel:

"This deed, made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year nineteen hundred and one, by and between the Humbird Land & Improvement Company, of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland, a corporation duly incorporated and organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, party of the first part, and the trustees of Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, party of the second part.

"Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) to it in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the trustees of Agur Chapel M. E.

Church, South, of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, its successors and assigns, all of that certain lot or parcel of ground situated and lying in the Humbird Land & Improvement Company's Addition to the city of Cumberland, Maryland, and which is known and designated as Lot No. 231 on the plat of the Humbird Land & Improvement Company, which is recorded in Liber T. L. and No. 84, folio 67, of the land records of Allegany County, and which said lot or parcel of ground hereby intended to be conveyed is more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning on the north side of Humbird Street, at the end of the first line of Lot No. 230, and running thence with said street south fifty-three and one-half degrees east thirty feet to an alley and with it north thirty-six and one-half degrees east one hundred and twenty-five feet to an alley and with it north fifty-three and one-half degrees west thirty feet to the end of the second line of Lot No. 230 and with it reversed, south thirty-six and one-half degrees west one hundred and twenty-five feet to the beginning.

"Together with the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the above described property unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever, in trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of, as a place of divine worship, for the use of the ministry and members of the M. E. Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized or declared by the General Conference of said church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

"And the said party of the first part hereby covenants with the party of the second part that it will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed, and execute such other and further assurance of said land as may be requisite.

"And the deed further witnesseth, that the said the Humbird Land & Improvement Company does hereby constitute and appoint Robert H. Shearer, of the city of Cumberland, Md., to be its attorney, for it and in its name, and as and for its corporate act and deed, to acknowledge this deed before any person having authority by the laws of the State of Maryland to the intent that the same may be duly recorded."

The above deed has the corporate seal of the said the Humbird Land & Improvement Company ; and the signatures of J. Wilson Humbird, president, and F. M. Offitt, secretary, of the Humbird Land & Improvement Company.

"I hereby certify that on the 20th day of August, 1901, before me, the subscriber, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Robert H. Shearer, the attorney named in the foregoing deed, and by virtue and in pursuance of the authority therein conferred upon him, acknowledged the said deed to be the act of the said the Humbird Land & Improvement Company.

"J. B. HUMBIRD,  
*"Justice of the Peace."*

About the first of September, 1901, Rev. C. M. Hesser went to Randolph College and Rev. James Anderson was secured to take charge of the Uptown work. He was cordially received and found a comfortable home with Mr. M. R. Adams, on Harrison Street. Although not fully recovered from a serious

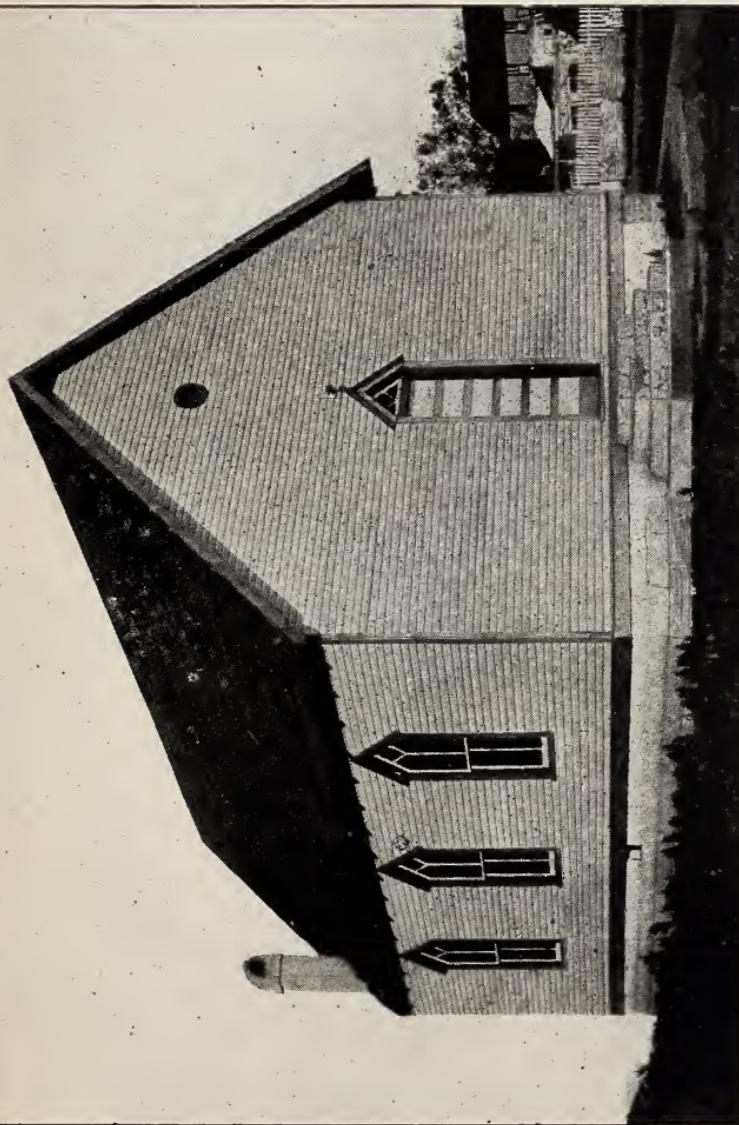
illness, he was alert and active in behalf of the church.

The Second Quarterly Conference for the current year 1901-2 for Agur Chapel, Calvary and Trinity, was held in Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., September 9th, 1901. Revs. B. F. Ball, P. E., J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C., Robert F. Twigg, of Agur Chapel; Archibald J. Allen, Robert J. Radcliff, of Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va.; Jeremiah T. Chadwick, Millard F. Davis, of Trinity, were present. Also Rev. James Anderson, P. C., of the Uptown congregation, and J. Robert Portmess, steward and superintendent of the Uptown Sunday School. Agur Chapel reported \$9.45; Calvary, \$8.35; Trinity, \$99.80; Belvidere, on back salary, \$34.59; total, \$152.19; and was distributed as follows: Rev. B. F. Ball, P. E., \$6.00; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, \$97.05; Rev. C. M. Hesser, Jr., \$44.14. At which time J. W. Harrison was elected superintendent of Trinity Sunday School instead of J. Robert Portmess, who was superintendent of the Uptown Sunday School.

The leagues were active, the Sunday schools vigorous and the church awake to the great opportunities before it.

The Calvary congregation, having purchased a lot, was anxious to have a church of their own, with more conveniences and comforts, in which to worship, and the Quarterly Conference, being thoroughly convinced of the importance of erecting a church in Ridgeley, W. Va., on motion, Archibald J. Allen, Robert Radcliffe, Charles W. Deffinbaugh were elected a Building Committee, to build Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Ridgeley, W. Va.

In the course of events our narrative turns to Agur Chapel, on which the work steadily moved forward



Agur Chapel, M. E. Church South

Cumberland, Md.

Dedicated September 22, 1901

Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, Pastor



during the spring and summer months of 1901. And now being completed, as the garnet and golden leaves lent a rich enchantment to the forest and the crispy air of autumn gave each new vigor, renewed inspiration came with the coming of Rev. Samuel K. Cox, D. D., of Harrisonburg, Va., who preached the dedicatory sermon at 11 a. m., September 22d, 1901.

After which he announced there was a small indebtedness of \$400 on Agur Chapel, and asked the congregation to liquidate the same, in order to dedicate it. This amount was raised by cash and good subscription in a few minutes. Then he set the church apart from all common usage, and for the ministration of the word and holy purposes.

Thus the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, built its second church in Cumberland, Md., without debt or any encumbrance, within four years.

As we turn to Calvary, we find the recently appointed Building Committee enlisting others to assist them in securing the subscription for building the church; and in a very short time they secured a sufficient amount to guarantee success in the enterprise. And after carefully investigating the cost of material, the committee decided to build a church 25 by 35 feet of Gothic architecture, with recess pulpit, the foundation walls of stone, the exterior side of the church walls of red brick, and the interior walls of white enameled brick, with gold tinsel and slate roof.

In excavating, the committee found it had a valuable stone quarry, from which a stone was taken two feet square and eight feet long, and by only moving it a few inches it was placed in the foundation wall of Calvary Church. Many other beautiful stones lay in the foundation of which the walls were built.

A stone mason by trade, in passing and seeing the valuable building material that would be covered up by the church, offered to build the walls of the church as well as the foundation without charge, if the committee would wait with him until the succeeding spring to erect the building, and give him balance of the stone.

But as the committee was anxious to have the church completed before the coming of the ensuing Conference, they felt they could not accept the offer, and as the material was at hand, they thought it would not be difficult to get the stone out, nor take long to place them in the wall, and hence decided to go right to work, hoping to get through before winter set in.

The excavation completed, the foundation walls built and the material on the ground to build the walls of the church, the cornerstone of Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., was laid by the pastor in the presence of a few members of the church on the 9th of November, 1901, in the midst of a bleak wind and snow storm.

The services were simple, consisting of placing a few articles in the stone, singing Hymn No. 692. "On this stone now laid," prayer by Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann and by the use of the beautiful ritual of the M. E. Church, South, and singing Hymn No. 689, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation." The services closed, with a strong anticipation that the church would soon be erected. Work began on it immediately, and the walls were built up to the windows, and they set in, when a severe winter stopped all work, until the coming of the spring.

On Sunday, November 17th, 1901, Rev. James M. Anderson organized First Church (after known as Central) in the Jewish Synagogue on South Center

Street, with the following charter members: M. R. Adams Mrs. Annie Adams, Mrs. Jennie Crawford, F. M. Craner, John S. Grayson, Kate S. Grayson, Frank O. Grayson, J. Watson Grayson, Wilber Myers, J. Robert Portmess, Mrs. Annie Page Smith.

Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann held Trinity Church Conference after religious services on December 15th, 1901, and the following day Rev. B. F. Ball held Agur, Calvary and Trinity Quarterly Conference, in Trinity Church, Grand Avenue. Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, P. C., Robert F. Twigg, Jacob T. Taylor of Agur, Archibald Allen, Robert Radcliff of Calvary and J. W. Harrison of Trinity were present. Agur reported \$13.95, Calvary \$18.50 and Trinity \$53.35.

At the same time the League officers elected December 5th, were confirmed, viz: J. W. Harrison, president; Mrs. Jeremiah Chadwich, first vice president; Miss Ellen Liller, second vice president; Miss Edna Chadwich, third vice president; Miss Heron, secretary; Miss Minnie Nixon, treasurer; Miss Clara Orndoff, organist, and Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, the efficient superintendent of the Junior League, who by scriptural drills, prayers and songs was fitly preparing its members for fields of greater usefulness.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the charge for the current year met on the 18th of March, 1902, at which time Robert F. Twigg, Jacob T. Taylor, Archibald J. Allen, Millard F. Davis, Jeremiah T. Chadwich, J. J. Long, Daniel C. Twigg and William Peters were elected stewards and William Henderson, Robert J. Radcliff and John W. Harrison Sunday School superintendents for the ensuing year.

Agur reported \$81.04, Calvary \$31.56 and Trinity \$158.99, which paid the salaries of the Presiding El-

der and preacher in charge in full, and the Conference assessments were also in full.

The charge had two churches valued at \$4,200 and personal property worth \$180, and owned Trinity parsonage site and a church lot in Ridgeley, W. Va., both free of debt, and had much of the material on the ground for the erection of Calvary Church, Ridgeley, W. Va., and carried \$2,300 of insurance on the churches.

#### CALENDAR OF SERVICE, 1901.

##### AGUR CHAPEL.

Class meeting at 10 a. m., Sunday School at 1 p. m., and preaching at 2 p. m., and prayer meeting Tuesday, 7 p. m.

##### CALVARY.

Sunday School at 3 p. m., preaching at 4 p. m., and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

##### TRINITY.

Sunday School at 9.30 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., Junior League at 3 p. m., Senior League at 7 p. m., and prayer meeting, Thursday at 7 p. m.

Owing to the time limit, Rev. B. F. Ball and Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann at the ensuing Conference were moved to other fields of service.

Although Belvidere congregation, later called First Church, located in the center of Cumberland, Md., was encompassed by many difficulties, nevertheless, under the pastorate of Rev. C. M. Hesser and Rev. James Anderson, it forged ahead, with a Woman's Home Missionary Society, Epworth League, and Sunday School that more than doubled itself the first year and formed a society of thirty-five members, and became a full-fledged church.

## CHAPTER IX.

### CENTRAL AND CALVARY.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Trinity Church, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1902, rearranged the Cumberland work, making one charge consist of Trinity Church and Agur Chapel and the other of Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., and First Church Cumberland, Md., changing the last named church to Central.

On April 1, 1902, Rev. J. T. Williams was appointed Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, and remained on the same the ensuing quadrennium, and at the same time and place Rev. S. K. Cox, D. D., a polished scholar and sweet-spirited Christian, was appointed to Central and Calvary. He found Central a little band of thirty-five members in the Jewish Synagogue on South Center and Union Streets, unable to pay the incidental expenses. So that his first act was to secure the assemblage chamber in the Market House hall, and moved Central congregation there.

The Calvary congregation was worshipping in the Ridgeley public school house, which necessarily from its construction was inconvenient; and while much of the material for building Calvary Church was on the ground, and the wall built up to the windows, nevertheless, as the walls were left unprotected and the winter extremely severe, much of them had to be taken down and rebuilt.

Although Dr. S. K. Cox was more than four score years of age, he took hold of this infant struggling

enterprise and with marked activity speedily pushed it to completion.

The First Quarterly Conference for the current year of Central Charge was held in J. Robert Portmess' studio, in Cumberland, on April 25th, 1902. Rev. J. T. Williams, Presiding Elder, conducted religious services, after which John S. Grayson was elected secretary and the following persons were present: Dr. S. K. Cox, P. C.; J. Robert Portmess, W. E. Fradée, John S. Grayson, and Archibald J. Allen.

The above named laymen, together with Robert Radcliff, were elected a Board of Stewards; J. Robert Portmess, recording steward and superintendent of Central Sunday School, and A. Robert Radcliff, superintendent of Calvary Sunday School, Ridgeley, W. Va.

The Official Board accepted the District Steward's assessment of \$45 on the Presiding Elder's salary and set their pastor's salary at \$500. Then looking into the future and believing they were going to establish the church, proceeded to the election of a Board of Trustees for Central Church, consisting of W. E. Frazee, J. Robert Portmess, John S. Grayson, David Beall, Claude Robinson, Dr. James T. Johnson and Archibald J. Allen.

Of the work, Dr. S. K. Cox said: "The Sunday Schools are well organized and steadily growing, and since getting into other quarters there has been a great improvement in the attendance upon the Sabbath service at Central." He thought he had secured option on Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church on South Center and Union Streets, formerly owned by his own denomination, but in this he failed. However, the onward step of the church was marked.

The following Senior Epworth League officers of Central were confirmed July 7, 1902: Miss Emma Wilson, president; Miss Barbara Dellinger, first vice president; Miss E. Endsley, second vice president; Miss May Leisure, third vice president; Miss Lillian Frazee, secretary; Miss Susie Robinson, treasurer; Mrs. J. Robert Portmess, organist.

As over the last-born babe in hoary age the pastor with parental care watched over and guided the interests of Calvary Church, and as her walls grew to their full height, with roof on, windows in, and floor laid, there was cheer in many a heart. Rev. J. H. Kuhlman, who projected the enterprise, was invited to preach the dedicatory sermon. From the time, August 12th, 1902, was set for the day of dedication every energy was exerted in order that it might be complete and ready for the occasion; even the pastor laid aside his beaver and broadcloth, and worked with his hands like a laborer.

Like Mount Zion of old, "beautiful for situation," Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., stood on the north point of Nobly Mountain, overlooking the Potomac River on the west, north and east, and in full view not only of all Ridgeley, but most of Cumberland, Maryland, as well.

It is 25 by 35 feet with recess pulpit and is of Gothic architecture. The foundation walls are built of beautiful stone from two to eight feet long and often two feet wide and thick, all taken from the foundation. The exterior walls of the church are built of red brick, while the interior is of white porcelain brick, penciled with gold tinsel. The wood work is of choice grained wood, hard oiled. The pew ends, pulpit, furniture, and altar all correspond. It is a gem.

Rev. C. H. Cannon, pastor of Trinity and Agur Chapel, withdrew his appointments for the day in order that he and others might attend and participate in the dedication.

Sunday, August 12th, 1902, was a beautiful mid-summer day, so that representatives from Central, Trinity and Agur Chapel, together with the people of Ridgeley, filled the house at an early hour.

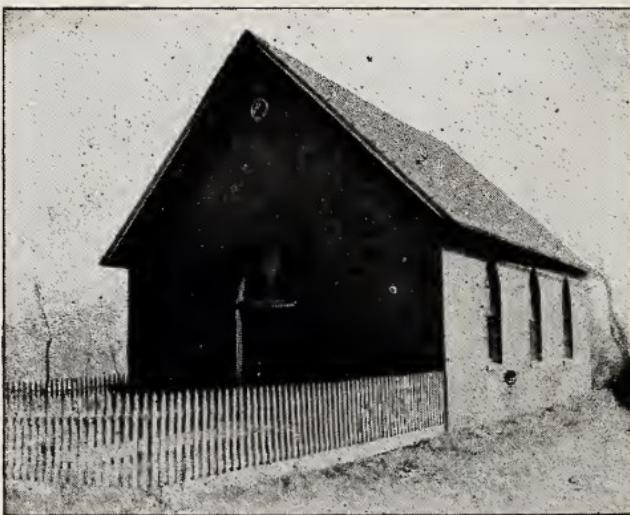
The pastor, Dr. S. K. Cox, Rev. C. H. Cannon of Cumberland, Md.; and Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann of Middleburg, Va., occupied the pulpit and all took part in the morning services. Promptly at 11 a. m. Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann preached the dedicatory sermon from John 10:10: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." After which Dr. Cox announced that there was an indebtedness of \$850 on the church building and asked for liberal contributions in order to liquidate the same. And on receiving in cash and subscription \$500, the balance being so small he dedicated the church and dismissed the congregation.

The Sunday School held service in the afternoon which showed plainly there was a great possibility ahead of the church. At 8 p. m. Rev. C. H. Cannon preached an eloquent sermon to a crowded house.

It was a great day to those deeply interested and who had invested their labor, means and prayers in the Master's cause. They felt permanently established, and with comfortable quarters in which to worship, confident of further perfecting the organization of the church.

The dedication was followed by a series of meetings which resulted in several conversions and accessions





Calvary M. E. Church South  
Ridgely, West Va.  
Dedicated August 15, 1902  
Rev. S. K. Cox, Pastor

to the church, and spread an excellent influence through the community.

With the comforts and conveniences of the new church, activity was perceptible along all lines. We note the organization of a Senior Epworth League in Calvary with twenty-five members, by electing Willard Everstine, president; Mrs. Annie Allen, first vice president; George Harrison, second vice president; Mrs. May Twigg, third vice president; Miss Bernice Everstine, secretary, and A. Robert Radcliff, treasurer. By the first of October the Sunday School nearly doubled itself.

The success attending the efforts at Calvary not only filled her with enthusiasm, but caused Central to determine to continue her struggle until she, too, should have a comfortable church.

The charge had a Woman's Home Missionary Society with 23 members, which raised \$27, two Leagues with 57 members, two Sunday Schools with 15 officers and teachers, and 148 scholars, two congregations with a membership of 89, who paid the Presiding Elder \$45 and the preacher in charge \$526 and raised for all purposes \$1,800., had one church valued at \$2,000 and carried \$1,500 insurance on it, with an indebtedness of only \$350; hence, the year ended well. However, those in authority felt the labors were too great for one of Dr. Cox's years, but as strenuous or laborious as they were, they must be done; therefore they decided to give him another field and place a younger man in Cumberland.

## CHAPTER X.

### TRINITY AND AGUR CHAPELS.

In 1902 Rev. C. H. Cannon was appointed to Trinity and Agur Chapel, Cumberland, Md., where he remained the ensuing quadrennium. Being a single man, the parsonage furniture was stored, and he was provided with comfortable quarters in the home of Mr. Jeremiah T. Chadwick, on the corner of Grand Avenue and Fourth Street. Although mindful of many difficulties to be encountered, he was full of zeal for the Master's cause and looked upon his field of labor, now white unto the harvest, with great aspiration, and put forth his best efforts to win precious souls for the Lord.

The First Quarterly Conference was held in Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, on the 28th of April, 1902. Rev. J. T. Williams, P. E.; Rev. C. H. Cannon, P. C.; J. T. Chadwick, M. F. Davis, D. C. Twigg, W. D. Peters, J. J. Long, J. W. Harrison, and Robert F. Twigg were present. The Presiding Elder's salary having been set by the District Stewards at \$40, was accepted and the Trinity Stewards set their pastor's salary at \$400, while Agur Chapel Stewards made an allowance of \$200, making the salary of the preacher in charge \$600.

As the year passed along, Rev. C. H. Cannon realized more and more that the burdens and cares in so complete a cosmopolitan community was more than he could bear alone, and that he needed one in whom

he could confide, and with whom he could counsel, and who would cheer him in the hours of discouragement, and having found such an elect lady, Rev. C. H. Cannon of Cumberland, Md., and Miss Grace McClockie of Frostburg, Md., were united in holy matrimony by Rev. J. T. Williams, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, on the 9th of July, 1902.

On his return the work continued in its onward course, both church buildings were improved, and the quickening power of the Divine Spirit manifested itself by the ingathering of 77 on profession of faith and by certificate. At the official meeting, on the 24th of January, 1903, O. T. Deal, R. S. Talley and J. W. Noland were added to the re-elected Board of Stewards, and James T. Gross elected superintendent of Agur Chapel Sunday School.

Inasmuch as Rev. C. H. Cannon had married during the previous year, the official board recognized his needs were greater and at the Conference held in Agur Chapel on April 11, 1903, advanced his salary to \$700. But as the work continued steadily developing, and as evidence of their appreciation of his labors and their increased ability, paid him \$744, and all assessments in full. The only change in the official board was the election of William Henderson superintendent of Agur Chapel Sunday School.

Another gracious revival attended Rev. Cannon's ministry during the summer of 1904, there being 27 professions of faith and as many accessions at Trinity, 21 conversions at Agur Chapel and as many added to the church. These and similar meetings kept a glow on the altar of the church, gave inspiration to the fold, and attracted sinners to the house of the Lord.

For a long while Trinity, Cumberland, Md., had left

a deep-rooted desire to have a parsonage, and as this sentiment was growing, on June 6th, 1904, the great needs of a parsonage was presented and discussed, which resulted in the election of a Building Committee consisting of Rev. C. H. Cannon, J. T. Chadwich, M. F. Davis, J. J. Long, H. S. Long and Robert Twigg, who were authorized to build a parsonage on Lot No. 114, said lot adjoining Lot No. 115, on which Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., stands, and purchased for that purpose in 1898 by Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann.

The Building Committee having decided to build a brick veneered frame house with slate roof, immediately set about laying plans, gathering material and superintending the work. The people were pleased with the idea of having a home for their pastor, and when their long pent-up desires were given an opportunity to assert themselves they manifested great interest in the parsonage, so that by the 24th of August, 1904, the foundation walls were completed at a cost of \$256.15.

Miss Ida Boggess, who succeeded Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann as superintendent of Trinity Junior League, in 1902, was succeeded by Miss Edna Chadwich, on the 24th of October, 1904, which position she has continuously held to the present time.

The record shows that Rev. C. H. Cannon held Trinity Church Conference on the 19th of January, 1905, and transacted such business as pertaineth to that body.

The new parsonage, by the side of Trinity Church on Grand Avenue, Cumberland, has on the first floor a front veranda, reception hall, parlor, library, dining

room, with china closet, kitchen with pantry, back porch, open-front and closed-back stairway. There are three bedrooms, study and bath on the second floor, with a play-room for children on the third floor, and was christened by the presence of the Quarterly Conference, held in it April 14th, 1905. Rev. J. T. Williams, P. E.; Rev. C. H. Cannon, P. C.; M. F. Davis, R. F. Twigg, D. C. Twigg, J. J. Long, H. S. Long, J. W. Noland, and Wilber Hardy (who were elected Trustees) were present.

Again the refreshing presence of the Lord manifested itself at Trinity by quickening the members and causing 14 persons to make profession of faith, with as many additions to the church. This influence spread to Agur and resulted in 9 accessions and the organization of a Woman's Home Missionary Society of 13 members. About this time we note they paid \$146.58 on the parsonage debt.

After religious services conducted by Rev. J. T. Williams, P. E., at Agur, January 11th, 1906, B. C. Cheshier was elected Trustee of Agur Chapel instead of William Henderson, resigned. The official board was re-elected and Charles Schaffer elected superintendent of Agur Chapel Sunday School for the ensuing year, and the League officers, consisting of Miss Cora Twigg, president; Miss B. Flood, first vice president; Miss Brook, second vice president; Miss Lizzie Pugh, third vice president; Miss Maud Heron, secretary; Klide Burkheart, treasurer, and Miss Jessie Twigg, organist, with Miss Edna Chadwich, superintendent of the Junior League, were confirmed.

The growth of the church may be seen from the fact that at that time the charge had a Woman's

Home Missionary Society of 13 members, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of 23 members, two Leagues with 102 members, two Sunday Schools with 51 officers and teachers and an enrollment of 331 scholars, and 406 church members; personal property valued at \$300, and two churches valued at \$4,300, free of debt, and a new parsonage just built at a cost of \$3,280, with an indebtedness of \$1,800, and carried an insurance of \$3,800, and from its organization to the present—1906—paid its salaries and Conference assessments annually in full.

## CHAPTER XI.

### CENTRAL AND CALVARY.

In 1903 the Baltimore Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, met at Fredericksburg, Va., on the 25th, and concluded its session on the 31st day of March, at which time Rev. J. C. Jeter was appointed to Central, Cumberland, Md., and Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va. A little company full of aspirations awaited his arrival and kindly received him. From the beginning it was evident that there would be a happy blending between pastor and people.

The gathering of people into the city was very perceptible at this particular time, even to a stranger, so he soon grasped the situation ; and although he realized there were stubborn difficulties along his pathway. Nevertheless, his heart and soul was thrilled with the opportunity of establishing our beloved Zion there, in order that we might have a permanent place of worship and part in the evangelistic work of the city, and the salvation of the people.

His people, too, though few in number and limited in means, were anxious to have their own vine and fig tree—a place of divine worship. Hence, at the first Quarterly Conference, held April 13th, 1903, in J. Robert Portmess' studio after religious services, conducted by Presiding Elder Rev. J. T. Williams, J. Robert Portmess was elected secretary and recording steward, and on roll call the following answered to

their names: Rev. J. C. Jeter, P. C.; W. E. Frazee, John S. Grayson, A. J. Allen, Robert A. Radcliff and J. Robert Portmess. After which the Presiding Elder's salary was set at \$10 and the pastor's at \$500. Then the conditions of the work were reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that the time had come when some more definite and progressive steps must be taken to secure a place of divine worship. And on motion, Rev. J. C. Jeter, J. Robert Portmess, John S. Grayson, W. E. Frazee, and Dr. James T. Johnson were elected a purchasing or building committee, to purchase or build a house of worship for Central congregation, Cumberland, Md.

This was by no means an easy task, especially in a town hemmed in by hills and mountains, riven by railroads, canal, and river; nevertheless, the committee set about its work with an eagle's eye and a herculean determination.

On the fourth day of May, 1903, W. E. Frayzee, J. Robert Portmess, J. S. Grayson, David Beall, Claude E. Robinson, James T. Johnson, and Archibald J. Allen were duly elected a body corporate to hold property and manage the same for Central M. E. Church, South, in the city of Cumberland, Md., and on the 11th day of July, 1903, Rev. Jerry C. Jeter, at public auction, purchased the Ohr property on South Georgia Street, Cumberland, Md., for \$3,980, of Albert A. Doub and D. Lindley Stran, duly authorized Trustees for the same. Subsequently Jerry C. Jeter, together with Bessie Hartwell Jeter, his wife, Albert A. Doub and D. Lindley Stran transferred the same property to the Trustees of Central M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, Md.

The Building Committee, realizing the responsibilities resting on them, desired an additional member. Hence, Claud E. Robinson was elected and added to that committee, November 19th, 1903.

At the Quarterly Conference, held January 24, 1904, the Official Board of Central and Calvary were re-elected, except Robert Radcliff, who was succeeded by Willard Everstine, superintendent of Calvary Sunday School. Thomas Vansant was added to the Board of Stewards, and the following Epworth League officers were confirmed:

Central League—E. W. Grayson, president; Mrs. J. C. Jeter, first vice president; Miss Hattie Endsley, second vice president; Mrs. E. W. Grayson, third vice president; F. H. Grimm, secretary; Mrs. Mary Alkire, treasurer, and Mrs. J. Robert Portmess, organist.

Calvary League—Charles Deffinbaugh, president; Willard Everstine, first vice president; Mrs. A. J. Allen, second vice president; George Harrison, secretary, and Mrs. F. Hadra, treasurer.

That real and substantial progress crowned the efforts of the church may be seen in securing the charter of incorporation of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Md., which may be found in No. 4, folio 157, one of the Records of Certificates of Incorporations of Alleghany County, State of Maryland. And the deed to the church property was as follows:

“CERTIFICATION OF INCORPORATION  
of the Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal  
Church, South, of Cumberland, Maryland:

“Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified, that  
at a meeting of the members above twenty-one years

of age of the congregation of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, Alleghany County, State of Maryland, duly called by public announcement made from the pulpit of its church at the northeast corner of South Center and Union Streets in said city, and held in said church on the fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three, according to the known custom and usage of said church, the following named, discreet and sober persons, that is to say, William Frazee, Jacob R. Portmess, John S. Grayson, David W. Beall, Claud E. Robinson, James T. Johnson, citizens of said State, residing in said county and city, and Archibald J. Allen, a citizen of the State of West Virginia, residing in Mineral County, therein, all adults and all citizens of the United States, were duly elected to the end that upon being registered as directed by Article XXII, of the public General Laws of Maryland. Its title is Corporation and its sub-title is Religious Corporation. They, together with J. Camden Jeter, minister for the time being of said church, shall be constituted a body politic or corporate to act as Trustees in the name and behalf of said church, and to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the same, until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

"It is further certified that, at said meeting, the following plans, agreement or regulations were determined on.

#### "ARTICLE 1.

"The name of the body politic or corporate to act in the name and behalf of the church shall be 'The Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, of Cumberland,' and the name of the congregation or church choosing the same is 'Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland.'

### "ARTICLE II.

"Every person who shall be at the time of voting a regular member of said congregation, a contributor to its support, and above twenty-one years of age, shall be qualified to vote at elections of Trustees. Any male registered member of said congregation, being a contributor to its support, a sober and discreet person, above twenty-one years of age, shall be eligible as one of the Trustees.

### "ARTICLE III.

"The Trustees elected as aforesaid and hereinbefore named shall serve until the next ensuing first Quarterly Conference of said church, or until their successors are elected and qualified, as the case may be; and thenceforth the Trustees shall be elected at each first Quarterly Conference in the manner following, that is to say: The preacher in charge, or in his absence, the Presiding Elder, shall nominate at least seven qualified persons, and the seven of them receiving the highest number of votes of the members of said Conference present shall, together with the minister for the time being, be the Trustees and shall serve as such from the date of their election until the election and qualification of their successors.

"Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the election of Trustees, and at the Quarterly Conference next succeeding the vacancy.

#### “ARTICLE IV.

“The minister for the time being shall be ex-officio president of the Board of Trustees, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. He shall call and preside at their meetings. In his absence any two Trustees may call a meeting, at which, if a quorum be present, they may elect a chairman pro tem and proceed with the transaction of business.

#### “ARTICLE V.

“The Trustees shall in all respects be amenable to the Quarterly Conference of said church, and shall perform all their duties in accordance with the rules and regulations contained in the discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and agreeable to the laws of the State of Maryland.

#### “ARTICLE VI.

“All property, real, personal and mixed, that is now owned or that may be hereafter acquired by said church, is and shall be vested in said body politic or corporate, and its successors, to be held by it in accordance with the terms and conditions now prescribed or that may from time to time be prescribed in the discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

#### “ARTICLE VII.

“These Articles of Incorporation and the plan, agreement or regulation and all the proceedings of said body politic or corporate, shall be entered and registered in a good and sufficient Record Book, which shall be provided and kept for the purpose, subject at all times to the inspection of the several members of said church; and the same shall be laid before a public

hmeeting when required by any five or more of the members, and before the Quarterly Conference, when called for by that body."

The above Certificate of Incorporation is signed by Rev. J. Camden Jeter, the pastor, at that time, W. E. Frayzee, Jacob R. Portmess, John S. Grayson, David W. Beall, Claud E. Robinson, James T. Johnson, and Archibald J. Allen, Trustees.

"I hereby certify that, on the 25th of January, 1904, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Alleghany County, the aforesaid personally appeared, J. Camden Jeter, W. E. Frayzee, David W. Beall, J. R. Portmess, John S. Grayson, C. E. Robinson, James T. Johnson, and A. J. Allen, Trustees as hereinbefore set forth, and did each acknowledge the foregoing Certificate and plan, agreement and regulation as their respective act and deed and also in the name and behalf of Central M. E. Church, South, of Cumberland, Md.

"CHARLES H. WOLFORD,

"Justice of the Peace."

And it is further evidenced by:

"I, Robert R. Henderson, one of the Judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing certificate, plan, agreement or regulation have been submitted to me for examination, and I do certify that the same are in conformity with the provisions of the laws authorizing the formation of said corporation.

"ROBERT R. HENDERSON,

"Associated Judge of the Fourth Judicial  
Circuit of the State of Maryland."

The deed of the Ohr property, on South George Street, Cumberland, Maryland, may be found recorded in Liber No. 94, folio No. 419, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County, Cumberland, Maryland, to-wit:

"This deed, made this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year nineteen hundred and four, by and between D. Lindley Stran and Albert A. Doub, Trustees, as hereinafter set forth, and Jerry C. Jeter and Bessie Hartwell Jeter, his wife, of the city of Cumberland, Maryland, parties of the first part, and the Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, party of the second part;

"Whereas, by a decree of the Circuit Court of Alleghany County, dated the sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and three, and passed in a cause in said court defending, wherein Virginia C. Sniverley and others were plaintiffs, and Theodore Stevens and others were defendants, it being No. 5369 Equity, the above named Albert A. Doub and D. Lindley Stran were duly appointed Trustees, with authority to sell the real estate in the proceedings in the said cause mentioned.

"And whereas, after having given bond and complied with all other requirements of the decree, the said Trustees did sell, on the eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and three, hereinafter described, to the said Jerry C. Jeter, at public auction for the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars (\$3,980), which said sale was duly reported to and on the twentieth day of August, 1903, was finally rati-

fied by said court, and the purchase money fully paid to the said Trustees.

"And whereas, the said Jerry C. Jeter has since said sale, sold said property to said party of the second part, and with his wife, joined in with this deed for the purpose of conveying all his right, title and interest therein to said party of the second part.

"Now therefore, this deed witnesseth that, in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar, the said Albert D. Doub and D. Lindley Stran, Trustees as aforesaid, and the said Jerry C. Jeter and Bessie Hartwell Jeter, his wife, do grant and convey unto the said 'The Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland,' all the right, title and interest of all the parties to the aforesaid cause in and to all that lot or parcel of land situated at the corner of George Street and Dilley Alley, in the city of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, which was conveyed to Mary Ohr by Willis F. Triplett and Rachel Triplett, his wife, by deed dated the 16th day of October, 1867, and recorded among the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland, in Liber No. 26, folio 503, and therein described as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of Commerce (now called George Street) and Dilley Alley, said point being on the west side of said street, and on the south side of said alley, and running with said street south  $17\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east  $54\frac{1}{2}$  feet, then at right angles to this line, south  $72\frac{1}{2}$  degrees 58 feet, then at right angles to last line north  $17\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west  $54\frac{1}{2}$  feet to said alley, and then with said alley north  $72\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east 58 feet to the beginning on said Commerce Street.

"Together with the improvements thereon and the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to have and to hold the above property unto the said 'The Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland,' in trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and members of the M. E. Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated."

The foregoing deed is signed by Albert D. Doub and D. Lindley Stran, as Trustees, and Jerry C. Jeter and Bessie Hartwell Jeter.

"I hereby certify that on this 27th day of January, 1904, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Albert A. Doub and D. Lindley Stran, the above Trustees, and Jerry C. Jeter and Bes-sie Hartwell Jeter, his wife, and did each acknowl-edge the foregoing deed to be their respective act and ded.

"JOS. A. GONDER,  
"Justice of the Peace."

The above deed having been obtained and placed on record January 27th, 1904, the pastor immediately moved his family in the second story or upper flat, and converted the first floor into a place for divine worship. Though realizing the purchase of this prop-erty meant additional, yea multiplied, sacrifices, nevertheless great enthusiasm filled the hearts of the mem-bers, who loved their church.

Only those like Daniel, having been without a place of worship, can know or feel the sweet consolation that thrills the mind and heart of those who come in possession of a place to worship the Lord after the manner of their fathers.

The report at the Annual Conference of 1903-4 showed two senior leagues with 80 members, two Sunday Schools with 22 officers and teachers and 200 scholars, a Woman's Home Missionary Society of 20 members, which raised \$180, and a church membership of 117, who paid the Presiding Elder \$40, and the preacher in charge \$540, and raised for all purposes \$2,300.

The ensuing year Calvary League, Sunday school and congregation filled the church to overflowing, and in the fall of 1904 the church paid off the debt and burned the last note.

Although Central congregation felt and expressed great satisfaction at getting in their own property, nevertheless it was evident the surging energy of this three-year-old plant was too strong to be bound down under such conditions or be contented in a dwelling-house apartment very long.

The building committee realizing the need of better quarters, on April 5th, 1904, decided to tear down the Ohr house and erect a church on that site. This made it necessary for the pastor, Rev. J. C. Jeter to get another residence and a place for the congregation to worship. Grace and favor was found in the eyes of the Methodist Protestants, so that he secured joint use with them of their church on Bedford Street, and moved Central congregation thither, where they worshipped while building.

The Ohr house was immediately torn down. The pastor and his people worked like trojans in cleaning the old brick and gathering other material for the new edifice, which grew rapidly, however not without entailing heavy expenses, and it became evident the time had come when every nerve would be tested and every energy would have to be exerted to stem the tide. There seemed to be just a glimmer of relief seen in the Baltimore Annual Conference if it could be induced to hold a session there. So Rev. J. C. Jeter was authorized to invite the Baltimore Annual Conference held in Winchester, Va., March, 1905, to hold its next session in Central Church, Cumberland, Md. The invitation was accepted and proved to be the sequel to what otherwise might have been a sad calamity, a repetition of 1876. For the records show on July 17th, 1905, the church had outstanding accounts amounting to \$490, with only \$285 to meet the same, and in addition thereto it had a loan of \$990 of Brother Geo. Winters, and the Trustees found it necessary on May 12th to borrow \$7,500 of the Second National Bank of Cumberland, Md., to carry on the building of the church.

However, this sturdy band was not easily discouraged. With unwavering faith in the head of the church, and believing they were to be an instrument in the salvation of souls, and being encouraged by the thought of having the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, within the bounds of the Moorefield District and in their midst, filled the hearts of Central's members and Southern Methodists in general in and about Cumberland, Md., with joy and awakened new hopes and aspirations, so that the year was one of great activity.

In the midst of temporal success the spiritual interest of the church asserted itself ; the October meeting in Calvary resulted in 8 conversions and 7 accessions on profession of faith and 3 by certificates. The fire continued to burn, extending its influence to Central and culminated in a gracious revival of 24 conversions and as many accessions on profession of faith and 18 by certificate, at Central.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the current year 1905-6 was held in Central, February, 1906. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Williams, P. E. Rev. J. C. Jeter, P. C., J. Robert Portmess, John S. Grayson, W. E. Frayzee, Theodora Vansant, A. J. Allen, D. W. Beall, David G. Brimlow and Thomas Morgan were present. J. R. Portmess was elected secretary. David G. Brimlow and Thomas Morgan were given license to exhort. The board of stewards and superintendents were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Under the fostering care of judicious hands the Junior League had grown to 40 members, the two Senior Leagues to 100 members and the two Sunday Schools to 22 officers and teachers, with 265 scholars. There were three Woman's Home Missionary Societies with 79 members and had raised \$339. The pastor during the year baptized 30 infants and 6 adults, received 80 members and reported an enrollment of 201. The Presiding Elder received \$45, and the preacher in charge \$550 ; paid all conference collections in full.

Every effort was put forth to get ready for the coming of the Baltimore Annual Conference, the greatest event in the history of Moorefield District and to the Southern Methodists in and about Cumberland.

Great changes had taken place in Cumberland since the days when Rev. S. A. Parker arrived there to

gather into a body the Southern Methodists, with a past history of misfortune overshadowing the most sanguine hopes, and was told by one of the M. E. preachers that he had better build his church on wheels (intimating that he nor the church would be able to succeed), nevertheless after nine years of vigilant labor and earnest prayer of faithful ministers and people a new day dawned with March 27th, 1906, when two special coaches over the B. & O. R. R. arrived in Cumberland bringing Bishop Alphus W. Wilson, a hero in the strife and a tower among preachers, and about 300 ministers and laymen, to the seat of the 122nd session of the Baltimore Annual Conference, which met in the new Central M. E. Church, South, on South George Street, Cumberland, Md., which is gothic style, built of brick, 54 by 58 feet, with slate roof. The audience room is 28 by 42 feet and has a seating capacity of 300. The lecture room is 16 by 34½ feet with a seating capacity of 150. There are two class rooms on the first floor and a gallery over the lecture room with a seating capacity of 150. The tower is 8½ by 8½ feet and 45 feet high and forms the vestibule to both lecture room and auditorium. The lecture room is directly in front of the pulpit, furnished with chairs and thrown into the auditorium by removing the curtains. The pews are of oak and circular, the pulpit and choir loft is neatly furnished, while the windows are stained and leaded glass. The church is valued at \$20,000, and is a great credit to all who had part in its erection.

At 8 p. m. the pulpit was occupied by Dr. J. J. Tigert, of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. David Bush, of Staunton, Va., Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District, and Dr. James E. Armstrong, Presiding Elder





Central M. E. Church South  
South George Street  
Cumberland, Md.  
Rev. J. C. Jeter, Pastor

of the Roanoke District, who preached the opening sermon of the Conference, which was also his valedictory or farewell sermon, closing 53 years in the active ministry.

By request Dr. J. W. Duffey, of Harrisonburg, Va. (who was pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, on South Centre Street, Cumberland, at the time of its dedication), at the close of the evening sermon and in behalf of the Humbird family, presented to Central Church a beautiful solid silver communion service in memory of the late John Humbird, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to his death.

On March 28th, 1906, the 122nd session of the Baltimore Annual Conference met in Cetnral Church, on South George Street, Cumberland, Md., at 9 a. m., Bishop A. W. Wilson in the chair. The morning was gray and lowering; but as the Bishop rapped the body to order the sunlight burst through the clouds and streaming through the beautiful stained glass windows shed a benediction on the assembly.

Rev. David Bush, of Staunton, Va., led in prayer, after which J. E. Armstrong was nominated and elected secretary, which office he had held consecutively since John S. Martin's death. On his nomination E. V. Regester, G. T. Tyler, J. P. Stump, H. S. Coe, W. H. Waters, T. J. Lambert, and G. D Kidner were elected assistants.

Then the Bishop introduced Hon. F. Brook Whiting, one of the attorneys of Cumberland, who in behalf of the city gave the Conference a cordial welcome, which was responded to by Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, Presiding Elder of the Washington District, who accepted the courtesies for the Conference.

The excellent report of Rev. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, poured oil of encouragement on the activities there and caused them to press on to greater achievements.

A pathetic moment came shortly before adjournment at noon, when Rev. J. E. Armstrong, D. D., of Salem, Va., and Presiding Elder of the Roanoke District, after reporting the work of the churches under his care, asked the Conference to relieve him of active work. This venerable secretary's voice trembled with emotion as he briefly told of his struggles against hardships during the civil war, and of his 53 years of constant active service and labors in the Conference.

At 11 a. m. Dr. J. J. Tigert, of Nashville, Tenn., preached an eloquent sermon from the words, "When I awake I am still with thee," 18th verse of the 139th Ps., and closed the sermon with a plea to the congregation to try and live so that the first thoughts on waking would be of eternity.

Rev. John A. Kern, D. D., professor in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., gave a series of lectures in the afternoon on Bible study, which were listened to with interest by a crowded house.

Bishop Warren A. Candler arrived early in the morning on March the 29th, and owing to the indisposed condition of Bishop A. W. Wilson, called the second days' session of the Baltimore Conference to order at 9 a. m., and after prayer, reading of the scriptures and singing, addressed the Conference; then he proceeded with the Conference work.

The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society showed 87 adult auxiliaries, 15 golden links, and 27 juvenile auxiliaries with a total membership of 600, and collections of \$5,399.56. The Woman's Home

Missionary Society reported 1,369 members, with 83 on baby roll.

The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church being in session at Madison Avenue Church, Baltimore, Bishop Luther B. Wilson presiding, sent a telegram bearing the congratulations and best wishes of said Conference to the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session at Central Church, Cumberland, Md., Dr. James E. Armstrong, Secretary of the Conference, was authorized to acknowledge the compliment and return like fraternal greetings.

March the 30th Bishop Candler called the Conference to order at 9 a. m. Rev. I. W. Canter, D. D., of Martinsburg, W. Va., conducted the devotional exercises.

Stephen Joseph, Lester DuLaney, Melvin Thomas Tabler, Francis Marvin Richardson, Jacob Newhouse Mast, Absalom Knox, Samuel Regester Neel, Harry V. Wheeler, J. W. Holliday and Okey D. Lambert were admitted on trial.

Albert Vandevander and James W. Holliday were elected deacons. Frank Jankins, William D. Eye, James Hedrick, Lewis L. Lowance, George R. Fringer and Edwin Brubaker were admitted to full connection.

James H. Haley, Selwyn K. Cockrell, Henry Lawson, William D. King, James B. Hupman, Joseph H. Balthis and Claud M. Hesser were elected elders.

Saturday, March 31st, Rev. J. T. Williams, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, addressed the Conference in behalf of Southern Methodism in Cumberland, setting forth the cost and debt on Central M. E. Church, South, and asked help. The appeal was seconded by T. T. Fishburne, of Roanoke, Va., and a collection was taken which resulted in \$810.

Sunday, April 1st, was a noted day for Southern Methodists in the region round about and in Cumberland. The air was crispy and the weather beautiful, so that early in the morning Cumberland became filled with people from the surrounding country and the nearby towns of Frostburg, Md., and Piedmont and Keyser, W. Va., who came to hear sermons in most of the churches in the city by ministers of the Baltimore Conference of the Southern Methodist Church.

Long before the preaching hour, 10.30 a. m., Central Church, in which the Conference was being held, was packed to overflowing by those who came to hear Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, Georgia, who took as his theme "The Resurrection of Christ, and Its Revolution of the World of Thought and Action." He presented with great forcefulness the proofs of Christ's triumph over the grave and made an earnest and eloquent appeal for the religion that cares for the destitute and calms the troubled breast.

He said: "The worst infidels of today are not the men who, with atheistic audacity deny God, but those who say: 'We believe that God exists and that Christ was divine,' and then go on living as if there was no God and as if Christ never manifested Himself in the flesh."

He held that the church is a new miracle every day, and said, while it started among the Asiatics, it has subdued the fierce passions of the American Indian. For it, men and women cross and recross the deserts and seas, risk life and endure disease and death.

And, if Christ is not risen, he asked why, should men consecrate their lives and go to the uttermost ends of

the earth in his service? He declared, "If Christ is not risen, our work is in vain."

And furthermore, he said: "The religion needed today is that which prompts men and women to go to the rescue of those who are on the downward path and to comfort the broken hearted."

At the conclusion of the sermon he ordained Lewis L. Lowance, William D. Eye, and James B. Hedrich, traveling preachers and deacons, and Albert Vandevanter, James W. Holliday and John Paul Tyler, local preachers, deacons.

Rev. W. S. Neighbors of Green Memorial, Roanoke, Va., preached an eloquent sermon at 7.30 p. m. in Central to a large and attentive audience, after which Bishop Warren A. Candler, assisted by Rev. J. T. Williams, who read the Epistle; Rev. J. S. Hutchison, who read the Gospel; Rev. George T. Tyler and Rev. E. V. Regester, ordained James H. Haley, Selwyn K. Cockrel, William D. King, James B. Hupman, Joseph H. Balthis, Claud M. Hesser, traveling preachers, elders, and Harry Lawson, local preacher, elder.

The following pulpits of the city were filled by members of the Conference:

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Trinity Grand Avenue—Rev. J. J. Ringer, at 11 a. m.; Rev. H. P. Hamil, at 7.30 p. m.

Agur Chapel, Humbird Street—Rev. O. W. Lusby, at 11 a. m.; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, at 3.30 p. m.

Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va.—Rev. W. O. Talbot, at 3.30 p. m.; Rev. D. H. Kern, at 7.30 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Center, North Center Street—Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., at 11 a. m.; Rev. J. Forest Prettyman, at 7.30 p. m.

Kingsley—Rev. F. M. Richardson, at 11 a. m.; Rev. W. E. Henry, at 7.30 p. m.

Grace, Virginia Avenue—Rev. S. K. Cox, at 11 a. m.; Rev. O. D. Lambert, at 7.30 p. m.

Methodist Protestant Church, on Bedford Street—Rev. J. P. Stump, at 11 a. m.; Rev. J. O. Knot, at 7.30 p. m.

East Cumberland—Rev. Thomas Jones, at 3.30 p. m.

Mapleside—Rev. L. S. Rudasill, at 3.30 p. m.

Lutheran Church, St. Pauls, Baltimore Street—Rev. Collins Denny, D. D., of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., preached at 11 a. m. to a large congregation from the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall be also reap."

In the first place, he spoke of man in his dual nature. He showed man, as a physical being, is under the law of the flesh, but as a spiritual being he is in the image of God, with high mental attributes that raise him infinitely above all other creatures in the universe.

He then spoke of man's intellect, his sensibilities and his will power, emphasizing the fact that a man "is a soul" rather than "has a soul."

Going more directly into the thought suggested by the text, he impressed his hearers with the inevitability of reaping manyfold of whatsoever is sown.

He said that while a man cannot make the seed of sowing or change its quality, he can choose among the many kinds of seeds and select the good from the bad, and that in the power to choose man rises to his highest dignity.

Rev. W. H. H. Joyce followed this masterly dis-

course with a beautiful and impressive sermon at 7.30 p. m.

St. Stephen's—Rev. J. H. Balthis, at 11 a. m.; Rev. C. H. Buchanan, at 7.30 p. m.

St. John's, corner of Fourth and Arch Streets—Rev. R. L. Fultze, at 11 a. m.; Rev. W. F. Lock, at 7.30 p. m.

German Lutheran—Rev. C. D. Buller, at 11 a. m.

St. Mark's Reformed Church—Rev. H. H. Sherman, at 11 a. m.; Rev. Frank Tyler, at 7.30 p. m.

First Baptist Church—Rev. William Stevens, at 11 a. m.; Rev. T. T. Lambert, at 7.30 p. m.

Young Men's Christian Association, Baltimore St., Rev. John O. Knot, at 4 p. m.

Railroad Y. M. C. A., Virginia Avenue—Rev. J. R. Andrew, at 4 p. m.

The Conference made an indelible impression, and opened the way for greater achievements by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Cumberland, Maryland.

On April 2nd Rev. W. H. Woolf was appointed Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, where he remained the ensuing quadrennium, with the following appointments:

Agur Chapel and Trinity, G. D. T. Collens; Calvary and Central, J. C. Jeter; Burlington, W. E. Woolf; Capon Bridge, J. M. Hawley; Elk-Garden, J. B. Crowell; Franklin, W. N. Wagner; Flintstone, G. W. Gaither; Frostburg, J. B. Hupman; Gainsboro, C. W. Mark; Hardy, C. W. Stump; Keyser, A. M. Cackley; Listenburg, A. Knox; Moorefield, W. M. Waters; Morgan, W. E. Brubaker; Petersburg, J. W. Holiday; Piedmont, H. L. Hout; Romney, W. P. C. Coe;

Slanesville, G. H. Heydrick; Springfield, G. H. Echols, and Wardensville, J. A. Jorden.

With the return of Rev. J. C. Jeter the Conference year of 1906-7 opened well, at both Calvary and Central. The development was so perceptible that the financial Board at the first Quarterly Conference, April 17th, felt safe in increasing their pastor's salary to \$600, and as the demand was so great for increased activity they made provision for an assistant or Junior preacher—David Brimlow.

On July 11th, 1906, Hiram Alkire, Archibald J. Allen, Robert A. Radcliff, and Charles Deffibaugh, Trustees of Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., purchased of Albert Ridgeley and his wife, Annie Ridgeley, both of Ridgeley, Mineral County, W. Va., the following described parcel of land:

"Beginning at the northeast corner of said church lot (purchased of Phillip Miller and his wife, July 4th, 1901), and running with line of said church lot, S. 46° E. 28 $\frac{1}{4}$  ft.; thence S. 29° 46' W. 105 $\frac{3}{4}$  ft. to an iron bar; thence N. 60° 15' W. 70 $\frac{1}{4}$  ft. to an iron bar in the east side of the mountain road; thence with said road N. 29° 45' W. 30 ft. to the southwest corner of said church lot (purchased of Philip Miller and his wife, July 4th, 1901); thence with line of said church lot S. 46° E. 45 ft.; thence with line of said church lot N. 28° E. 95 ft. to the beginning, for two hundred dollars."

And more particularly described in Deed Book No. 22, page 670, in the Clerk's Office, Keyser, W. Va., the deed contains the trust clause and is in fee simple.

At the Second Quarterly Conference for the year of 1906-7, held in Calvary Church, Ridgeley, W. Va.,

July 23rd, Rev. W. H. Woolf, P. E.; J. C. Jeter, P. C.; A. J. Allen, Willard Everstine, R. A. Radcliff, J. S. Grayson, David Brimlow, Thomas Morgan were present, at which time David Brimlow, Thomas Morgan and Thomas Burch were recommended to the District Conference for license to preach. The same was granted and they became useful workers in the Baltimore Conference.

The Official Board for the ensuing year was re-elected at Central Church January 14th, 1907, and the record at the end of the Conference year shows a marked development, viz: Two Woman's Home Missionary Societies with 71 members, three active Leagues with 135 members, two flourishing Sunday Schools with 20 officers and teachers, and 275 scholars, with an ever-increasing fold now numbering 237 members, two churches valued at \$22,000 with only \$8,000 indebtedness. The salaries and Conference collection in full and the charge raised for all purposes, \$2,316.

## CHAPTER XII.

### TRINITY AND AGUR CHAPEL.

Rev. G. T. D. Collins, appointed pastor of Trinity and Agur Chapel, March, 1906, remained the ensuing four years. He found the church in an active state, with a nice new parsonage, but a heavy debt, and in order to get hold of affairs he called together the Building Committee on April 18th, which met according to announcement. Rev. G. T. D. Collins, M. F. Davis, H. S. Long, R. F. Twigg, J. W. Noland and G. C. Harnsburger were present.

The pastor in the chair, on motion G. C. Harnsburger was elected secretary. After reviewing conditions, on motion, the treasurer was authorized to pay J. T. Vandegrift \$23.50 on his account. From time to time the committee met and wrestled with the problem. The tide was against them. Work was slack; and owing to the rumor that the roundhouse of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway would move back to Keyser, many were moving away. Consequently, money was scarce. However, the pastor and his members held together and the church moved forward.

The Trustees of Agur Chapel, on the 14th of June, 1907, purchased of J. Wilson Humbird and Fannie, his wife, both of Cumberland, Md., Lot No. 230, on Humbird Street, Cumberland, Md., and by the side of Lot No. 231, on which Agur Chapel stands, for \$200. The deed for which may be found recorded in Liber

No. 209, folio 367, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County, Cumberland, Md., to-wit:

"This deed, made this 14th day of June, 1907, by and between J. Wilson Humbird and Fannie Humbird, his wife, of Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland, parties of the first part, and the Trustees of Agur Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cumberland, Alleghany County, Maryland, a corporation duly incorporated and organized under the laws of State of Maryland, party of the second part;

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), to them paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereof acknowledged, have granted, bargained, released, sold, confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey, release and confirm unto the said the Trustees of Agur Chapel, M. E. Church, South, Alleghany County, Maryland, their successors and assigns; all of that certain lot or parcel of ground, situated and lying in the Humbird Land and Improvement Company's Addition to the city of Cumberland, Maryland, and which is known and designated as Lot No. 230 on the plat of the Humbird Land & Improvement Company, which is recorded in Liber T. L. 73, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County. And a certificate of courses and distances of the lot designated on said plat is recorded in Liber T. L. No. 84, folio 67, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County, and which said lot or parcel of ground hereby intended to be conveyed is more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning on the north side of Humbird Street at the end of the first line of Lot No. 229, and run-

ning thence with said street south  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees E. 30 feet., thence north  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees E. 125 ft. to an alley, and with it north  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees W. 30 ft. to the end of the second line of Lot 229, and with it reversed south  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees W. 125 ft. to the beginning.

"It being the same piece or parcel of land which was conveyed and described in deed from Helen B. Graham to the said J. Wilson Humbird. Said deed bearing date the 27th of April, 1891, and recorded in Liber No. 70, folio No. 1, one of the Land Records of Alleghany County;

"Together with the rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the above described property unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, in trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of, as a place of divine worship, for the use of the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized by the General Conference of said church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

"And the said parties of the first part hereby covenant with the said party of the second part that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed and that they will execute such other and further assurance of said land as may be requisite.

"J. WILSON HUMBIRD,  
"FANNIE HUMBIRD."

"I hereby certify that on this 14th day of June, 1907, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace,

in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared J. Wilson Humbird and Fannie Humbird, his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing deed to be their act. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and date last above written.

"J. B. HUMBIRD,  
"Justice of the Peace."

Having secured the deed for Lot No. 230, in order to make ready for a front, Agur Chapel was moved back and put upon a more substantial foundation partly on Lot 230 and partly on Lot 231.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of 1909-10 elected M. F. Davis, J. T. Chadwich, D. C. Twigg, J. C. Baldwin, Dr. C. S. Owen, J. T. Taylor, M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman, Wilber Hardy, and W. C. Light, stewards, and Geo. A. Bowman, superintendent, and Bradly Jolly, assistants of Trinity Sunday School, with W. D. Hardy as superintendent and E. E. Gerard as assistant of Agur Chapel Sunday School.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The pastors in and about Cumberland thought it would be pleasant and unifying to have a monthly preacher's meeting, so on the 7th of May, 1906, Rev. A. M. Cackley, D. D., of Keyser, W. Va.; Rev. G. W. Gaither, of Flintstone, Md.; Rev. G. T. D. Collens, of South Cumberland, and J. C. Jeter, of Cumberland, Md., met in Central Church, Cumberland, Md., and after discussing plans for a closer relation of the preachers in the Moorefield District, they organized the Moorefield District Ministerial Association, by electing Dr. A. M. Cackley, president; G. W. Gaither, secretary. After which it was moved and carried that they meet the first Monday of each month. They adjourned to meet on the first Monday of June.

The second meeting of the Moorefield Ministerial Association was held in Central M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, on June 4th, 1906. The meeting was called to order by its president, Dr. A. M. Cackley, and in the absence of the secretary, Rev. J. B. Hulman of Frostburg, Md., was elected secretary pro tem. The following ministers were present: A. M. Cackley, J. J. Hupman, G. H. Echols, J. C. Jeter, Rev. G. T. D. Collen and his brother from New York, were present. As the reports were given from the various charges, a broader interest in the work was felt, and new inspiration given.

Rev. J. C. Jeter invited the Association to make Central Church, Cumberland, its permanent meeting place. The invitation was accepted. After which Rev. Jeter announced there would be lunch in the infant classroom on adjournment and after each monthly meeting. They adjourned to meet the first Monday in July.

The Third Mooresfield District Ministerial Association was held August 6th, 1906, and in the absence of the president, A. M. Cackley, Rev. W. H. Woolf, Presiding Elder, of the Moorefield District, was asked to take the chair. He called the meeting to order, and Rev. C. H. Cannon led in prayer. J. C. Jeter was elected secretary pro tem.

W. H. Woolf, C. H. Cannon, J. C. Jeter, G. H. Echols, G. T. D. Collens, and J. B. Hupman were present. Rev. G. W. Gaither sent in his resignation as secretary and J. B. Hupman was elected in his place. The reports were inspiring and after the discussion of matters of interest the meeting adjourned to meet the first Monday in September.

The fourth meeting of the Moorefield District Ministerial Association was held on December 3rd, 1906, in Central parsonage. Dr. Cackley in the chair, called the meeting to order and led in prayer. J. B. Hupman, G. W. Gaither, G. T. D. Collens, and J. C. Jeter were present. By this time it was thought it would be well to hold the Association at different points in the district. J. B. Hupman placed in nomination Grace Church, Frostburg, and it was chosen as the next meeting place, and adjournment followed.

The fifth meeting of the Moorefield District Ministerial Association was held in the parsonage of Grace Church, Frostburg, Md., January 7th, 1907. By re-

quest, W. H. Woolf took the chair and called on Dr. Cackley to lead in prayer. W. H. Woolf, A. M. Cackley, J. B. Hupman, J. C. Jeter, G. T. D. Collens, and L. H. Hout were present. After an interesting meeting, they adjourned with the benediction, to meet at Keyser the first Monday in March. But the meeting was not held.

On May 6, 1907, the Moorefield District Ministerial Association met in Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, Cumberland. Dr. A. M. Cackley, in the chair, called on Rev. L. S. Rudasil to lead in prayer. Others present were W. H. Woolf, J. B. Hupman, H. L. Hout, and G. T. D. Collens. Dr. Cackley was re-elected president and J. B. Hupman secretary. It was decided to hold the Epworth League Rally at Ridgeley, W. Va., June 5-7, and a District Sunday School Institute at Romney, W. Va., June 18-20, 1907.

A meeting was held July 1st, 1907, at Piedmont, W. Va., Dr. Cackley in the chair. W. H. Woolf led in prayer. Others present were G. T. D. Collens, H. L. Hont, and M. A. Patrich.

A meeting was held in the parsonage of Central, Cumberland, October 7th, 1907. Dr. A. M. Cackley, in the chair, called on W. T. Weikle to lead in prayer. Others present were J. B. Hupman, G. T. D. Collens, L. S. Rudasil, G. H. Echols. All made favorable reports.

On December 2d, 1907, the Moorefield District Ministerial Association met in the parsonage of Central, Cumberland. Dr. Cackley, in the chair, called on L. H. Hout to lead in prayer. Others present were J. B. Hupman, L. S. Rudasil, G. T. D. Collens, and W. T. Weikle.

On February 4th, 1908, the Moorefield District Ministerial Association met in the parsonage of Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, Cumberland. Dr. Cackley, J. B. Hupman, H. L. Hout, L. S. Rudasil, G. T. D. Collens, David Brimlow, Thomas Morgan, S. H. Green, R. L. Wittig were present. This seems to have been the last meeting of the Association.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### CENTRAL AND CALVARY.

On April 2d, 1907, Rev. L. S. Rudasill was appointed to Central, Cumberland, and Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., and the First Quarterly Conference for the current year was held in Central Church, May 6th. Revs. W. H. Woolf, P. E.; Rev. L. S. Rudasill, P. C.; J. R. mess, W. E. Frayzee, John S. Grayson, Willard Ever-Everstine, Thomas Morgan, S. H. Green, and R. L. Wittig were present.

In reporting the state of the churches the pastor says:

"The mid-week prayer meetings and the preaching services are well attended, and the communion services, ordinarily a fair test of the churches' spirituality, is large, so that, on the whole, ours is an encouraging condition, for which we are profoundly thankful to God. However, we are not satisfied with the present attainment, and are praying for a deeper work of grace, and more spiritual life, and for the salvation of the lost. The Junior and Senior Leagues are doing well and the Sunday Schools are in excellent condition.

"And as a further evidence of the spiritual condition of the church, we find two young men, S. H. Green and R. L. Wittig, applicants for license to preach, and they have been recommended to the ensuing Annual Conference."

The Calvary League officers, Mrs. R. Radcliff, president; Fermon Moreland, first vice president; Miss Nettie Burkett, second vice president; Mrs. B. O'Rourke, third vice president; Miss Berneice Evestine, fourth vice president; Miss Bessie Biggs, secretary, and Miss L. Eva Vandegrift, treasurer, were confirmed January 20th, 1908, the Official Board was re-elected, all assessments in full, the pastors' salaries advanced \$100, and \$1,119 paid on church debt.

There was a steady development along all lines during the current year of 1908-9. The Missionary Societies, Leagues, added to their number, the Sunday Schools, with 305 enrolled, and a church membership of 314, were active. And, as heretofore, the Conference assessments were met in full. The Presiding Elder's salary was advanced to \$55 and the pastor's salary to \$800, both paid in full, and debt on Central Church reduced to \$6,000.

On July 12th, 1909, J. T. Vandegrift was elected Trustee of Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., at which time Central had an interesting Bible class of 50 members, with great possibilities ahead of it.

The Quarterly Conference of January 10th, 1910, after religious services by Rev. W. H. Woolf, Presiding Elder, elected J. R. Portmess, W. E. Frazee, J. S. Grayson, Theo. Vansant, Claud E. Robinson, M. R. Adams, H. H. Carlton, T. B. Bowie, A. J. Allen, Willard Evestine, C. H. Deffinbaugh, and Albert Ridgeley, stewards; J. Robert Portmess, Sunday School superintendent at Central; T. B. Bowie, assistant; and R. A. Radcliff, Sunday School superintendent at Calvary; J. T. Vandegrift, assistant. All finances paid in full, with the pastor's salary advanced to \$1,000 and paid, and \$1,500 paid on Central's debt.

Rev. G. W. White was appointed Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District in 1910, and held Calvary and Central's First Quarterly Conference on the 18th of April, at which time the Official Board fixed Rev. L. S. Rudasil's salary at \$1,200, and granted him six weeks' leave of absence to visit Scotland and parts of Europe. During his absence, Rev. J. Y. Myers, returned missionary from Japan, was secured to fill the appointment.

## CHAPTER XV.

### TRINITY AND AGUR CHAPEL.

Rev. A. Lee Barrett was appointed to Trinity and Agur Chapel, March 29th, 1910, and on his arrival was heartily and cordially received and favorably impressed with the outlook. Their first Quarterly Conference for the current year met in Trinity Church on the first of May, and was well attended. The pastor reported the organization of a Teachers' Training Class for Bible study, which subsequently proved very beneficial to other classes of the school. Owing to the resignation of M. F. Davis and Edward E. Gerard. John W. Harrison and Frank Taylor were elected stewards in their order and place.

Robert F. Twigg, one of the founders of Southern Methodism in Cumberland, Md., in 1898, a charter member, trustee, steward and class leader of Agur Chapel, faithful in all positions of the church in which he was placed, passed from great suffering to his reward in 1910. And on October 31, Frank Taylor was elected trustee of Agur Chapel to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Robert F. Twigg.

On January 16th, 1911, the Official Board was re-elected for the ensuing year, and Mrs. Blanch Flood, president; Mrs. Bessie Kalbaugh, first vice president; Miss Gussie Rice, second vice president; Miss Susie McFarland, third vice president; Miss Cora Twigg, fourth vice president; Miss Maud Heron, secretary,

and Mrs. Jessie Chestnut, treasurer, were confirmed officers of Trinity's Senior League, and Miss Edna Chadwich, superintendent of the Junior League, which raised \$121.00.

At the Quarterly Conference held in Agur Chapel, December 13th, 1911, Rev. G. D. White, Presiding Elder, A. Lee Barrett, P. C., J. W. Harrison, J. T. Chadwich, M. M. Rice, Geo. Holtzman, J. T. Taylor, W. C. Light, D. C. Twigg, and Frank Taylor were present.

Owing to the growth of the church and the increased demands in each of the several fields of labor, it was felt that there should be a readjustment of the Board of Trustees. J. Robert Portmess, Archibald J. Allen and Willard Everstine, who were charter Trustees of Trinity, but now members elsewhere, felt that there were plenty of members in Trinity to fill the various offices, therefore sent in their resignations, which were accepted. Millard M. Rice and Geo. W. Holtzman, who were charter Trustees of Agur Chapel, but now members of Trinity, sent in their resignations, which were accepted.

M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman and John W. Harrison were elected Trustees of Trinity Church in order and place of the above resignees. Thomas F. Evans and Wesley C. Light were elected Trustees of Agur Chapel in order and place of the above resignees.

During the latter part of the summer and fall of 1911, Rev. A. Lee Barrett was called on to undergo grievous sorrow on account of his wife's sickness and death. Amid it all he pressed on with the Master's work.

In 1913 Rev. H. A. Brown was appointed to the

Moorefield District and held the first Quarterly Conference for Trinity and Agur Chapel April 28th. He found the pastor, Rev. A. Lee Barrett, in favor with the people and the work in good condition.

The year passed on well, and with it closed Rev. A. L. Barrett's quadrennium, during which time he introduced the Duplex Envelope System, built a brick pavement in front of both Trinity church and parsonage, cemented the cellar, renewed the back porch floor, and built a wall in front of the parsonage, put new pews in Trinity Church, new organ and new set of chairs in Agur Chapel (\$217.50), installed arch lights, and put individual communion cups in both churches, kept the interest paid on the parsonage debt, and paid \$450 on the principal, reducing the debt to \$1,050.

And at the close of his pastorate he said to his people: "Our stay among you has been delightful; we shall long cherish the warm and cordial expressions of friendship, sympathy and patient forbearance of our many imperfections and short comings. Only fear the Lord and serve him in truth with all your heart. And as in times past, do we pray the Lord God and Father that He will send you a man of God, a master workman that needeth not to be ashamed, as my successor, and your future pastor." At this time the charge paid \$850.00.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### CENTRAL AND CALVARY.

Rev. James H. Balthis was appointed to Central, Cumberland, Md., and Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., on April 3rd, 1911, where he and his family were kindly received and a public reception given in their honor, in which Rev. A. Lee Barrett, pastor of Trinity, participated.

At the Conference held in Central on the 22nd of May, he said: "The Leagues, Sunday Schools, and church services are all well attended. We are serving a loyal, devoted and an energetic people. And I pray that I may be a worthy minister in your midst, and that the blessing of God may bind us together."

The social means of grace and public services were inspiring and drew the people, so that in the early fall the spirit manifested itself in a great awakening, which resulted in 38 accessions at Central, and a number at Calvary. But while things were going well in the church, Rev. J. H. Balthis and wife were called on to pass through troubled waters and drink of bitter grief, in the illness and death of their little daughter, whose spirit, being released from mortal clay, was taken upon high to shine with the redeemed around the throne of glory.

On February 19th, 1912, E. G. Shirley, Godfrey Feltz, and T. A. Bootman were added to the Board of Stewards and the Official Board re-elected for the ensuing year, at which time the Calvary League offi-

cers, viz., Benj. C. Krouse, president; J. T. Dunlop, first vice president; Firman Moreland, second vice president; Miss Nellie Lawrence, third vice president; Miss Minerva Spaugler, fourth vice president; Miss Bessie Moreland, secretary, and Martin Schroder, treasurer, were confirmed.

Although the Woman's Home Missionary Society only had 49 members, nevertheless they were inclined to good works, and raised \$259.26 during the year.

Alfred Ridgeley was elected a Trustee of Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., the 17th of February, 1913, at which time the numerical growth of 133 in the Leagues, 406 in the Sunday Schools, and a church membership of 388 at Central and Calvary plainly bespoke of the vitality and spirituality of the church, and demonstrated the need of her presence there and the wisdom of the fathers in occupying this territory.

Central was called on to record its first official loss August 15th, 1913, in the death of Claud E. Robinson, who was a trustee, steward and faithful member. And on September 26th, Hope H. Carlton and Godfrey Feltz were elected Trustees of Central.

Owing to the extensive improvement going on at Central, the League, Sunday School, and congregation moved to the City Hall, where they remained till the work was completed, at a cost of \$802.

So rapid was the growth and such the demand for more service at Calvary that at the fourth Quarterly Conference of 1913-14 Rev. G. D. White, Presiding Elder, was requested to secure a junior preacher at the ensuing Conference, in order that Calvary might have service both morning and night.

On March 30th, 1914, at the Conference held in St. Paul's, Baltimore, Rev. J. H. Balthis was returned preacher in charge, and Rev. W. A. Lynch appointed junior preacher of Central, Cumberland, Md., and Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va.

The first Quarterly Conference for the current year was held in Central Church, April 13th, at which time the salaries were set for the Presiding Elder \$128, the P. C. \$1,100, and the junior preacher \$500. In reporting, the preacher in charge says: "The Calvary League is the better of the two; both Sunday Schools are in good condition. The school at Calvary crowds the building, so there is pressing need for more room in order that effective work may be done." A letter in the Cumberland Evening Times said: "Since the appointment of Rev. W. A. Lynch to the work, and giving the Ridgeley people morning and evening service instead of the afternoon, the present church building is entirely inadequate to accommodate either the Sunday School or congregation; hence the Board of Trustees realizes that something must be done and that at an early date. Therefore, under the direction of Rev. J. H. Balthis, preacher in charge, a congregational meeting was held May 14th, 1914, in Calvary Church for the purpose of deciding whether to enlarge the present church or erect a new building upon another location. And after discussing the matter they decided to seek a new location providing the present site could be disposed of to an advantage, they adjourned with the understanding that a special meeting would be called by the Rev. H. A. Brown, Presiding Elder, to meet the next Friday night for the purpose of going

more fully into the details of the needs of the Calvary congregation."

At the called meeting, Rev. J. H. Balthis, Rev. W. A. Lynch, A. J. Allen, Willard Everstine, B. W. O'Rourke, Albert, Ridgeley, and L. A. Bootman were appointed a committee either to enlarge Calvary or build a new church at Ridgeley, W. Va. On motion the committee was instructed to employ an architect at not more than \$25 to draw plans and specifications. It was moved that the committee be instructed to obtain bids with the power to reject any or all. It was further moved that the committee be instructed to borrow sufficient money to enlarge Calvary Church, Ridgeley, W. Va., but not exceeding \$2,500. It was also moved that the committee be authorized to give a mortgage to those whose names appear on the note or notes, to secure the money for improvements on Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., all of which were carried.

Owing to the resignation of Robert A. Radcliff, B. W. O'Rourke was elected trustee of Calvary Church, October 12th. And on the following day Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E., preached the reopening sermon of Central Church and received the complimentary subscription of \$1,400 on the improvements of the church.

As the church was in great favor among the people and prosperity attending it on every hand, the Official Board felt that it was high time for them to make some provision for the long-realized need of a home for their pastor; hence, a special meeting of the Quarterly Conference was called December 7, 1914, at which time they considered the matter, and on motion, J. Robert Portmess, W. E. Frayzee, J. S. Grayson, E. Lee

Shaw, H. H. Carlton, W. B. Campbell, J. T. Vandegrift, C. H. Deffinbaugh and Dr. J. T. Johnson were elected a committee to purchase a parsonage for Central Church, South, Cumberland, Md.

The laborers were faithful and active and the intense interest in the work is shown by the large attendance on the last quarterly meeting for the current year, 1914-15, at which time, together with Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E.; Rev. J. H. Balthis, P. C.; Rev. W. A. Lynch, assistant; J. R. Portmess, W. E. Frazee, J. S. Grayson, H. H. Carlton, E. Lee Shaw, Theo. Vansant, E. G. Shirley, C. H. Deffinbaugh, J. T. Vandegrift, Godfrey Feltz, W. B. Campbell of Central, and A. J. Allen, Willard Everstine, B. W. O'Rourke, T. A. Bootman, Geo. T. Harrison, J. T. Bowers and B. W. Moreland of Calvary were present, and re-elected the Official Board.

This manifested interest was attended with great success in the work, for Central had a Senior League of 44 members, a Sunday School with 17 officers and teachers, with 248 scholars, and raised \$116 for missions and \$123 for other objects, and a Woman's Home Missionary Society of 40 members, who raised \$258. We note the baptizing of 9 infants and 2 adults, 18 received on profession of faith and 17 by certificate, making 340 church members. They paid the presiding elder \$88 and the preacher in charge \$1,100, and had a church valued at \$20,000, with a debt on it of \$3,844, and carried an insurance policy of \$5,000.

While Calvary had a very interesting Senior League of 124 members, a Sunday School with 17 officers and teachers and 191 scholars, and raised \$74 for missions and \$69 for other purposes; a Woman's Home Mis-

sionary Society with 5 connections and 30 local members, who raised \$111.

It is evident the parents thought their children had a right to the promises and that they have the mantle of the church thrown around them, for the pastor baptized 19 children and 3 adults. He received 6 on profession of faith and 13 by certificate, making 153 church members, who paid the Presiding Elder \$40 and their pastor \$500 and had a church free of debt.

With these demonstrations of a great possibility for the church in that community, the Official Board of Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., asked the Quarterly Conference in session to request the ensuing Baltimore Annual Conference (which was to meet in Washington, D. C., in March, 1915) to set Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., off a separate and independent charge. This being agreeable to the official members of Central Church, the Quarterly Conference unanimously voted that Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., be made a separate and independent charge, and requested Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E., of the Moorefield District to recommend the same to the ensuing Annual Conference, which he did, and it was done.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### TRINITY AND AGUR CHAPEL.

On March 30th, 1914, Rev. Linwood Hammond was appointed to Trinity and Agur Chapel, Cumberland, Md. He found the work in an encouraging condition and took hold of it with all his strength and energy, so he soon won a warm place in the hearts of many of his parishioners and friends of the church. Consequently, at the First Quarterly Conference, held in Trinity, April 20th, there was a goodly representation of the official members present. After devotional service conducted by the Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E., Jeremiah T. Chadwick was elected secretary, and on considering their pastor's needs the official board laid his salary at \$1,000. They also elected W. D. Hardy, T. E. Evans, and B. H. Jolly delegates to the District Conference. The records show there were two active leagues—junior and senior—two Sunday Schools in good condition, a Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and some accessions to the church.

As Rev. Linwood Hammond became better acquainted with his field of labor the more he was convinced, as his predecessor had been, that "the field was white unto the harvest." Great opportunities stood out before the church, but there were stubborn difficulties in the way. The debt on the parsonage was a thorn in the flesh. And in addition thereto the parsonage had already reached such a condition as to need the touch of the brush. Also Trinity had long since become too

contracted, too small, to accomplish or perform the great work that lay all around her door and set for her to do. So that at the urgent request of the pastor, the Quarterly Conference held at Agur Chapel, July 3rd, 1914, elected a committee consisting of G. W. Holtzman, C. W. Light and E. E. Grim to have the parsonage painted; and a committee consisting of Rev. Linwood Hammond, J. T. Chadwick, J. W. Harrison, Thomas F. Evans and M. M. Rice, to manage the parsonage debt, and pay it off; and also devise some feasible plan by which to build the auditorium of Trinity.

In the midst of their anticipated achievements, sadness came to the charge in the death of the beloved brother, J. W. Harrison. His pastor says of him: "John W. Harrison, a member of the official board, and faithful in all good works, has passed to his reward. I visited him in his last illness, and was with him in the hour of death. I have never known a man more submissive to the Divine will. He was a good, true man of God, and was ripe for heaven."

The Third Quarterly Conference for the year 1914-15 was held at Agur Chapel, September 25th, 1914. John M. Schatzer was elected Trustee for Trinity M. E. Church, South, and a member of the board of stewards to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. W. Harrison. C. S. Heinrick was elected Trustee of Trinity parsonage to fill like vacancy, and Wilber D. Hardy was elected to take the place of J. W. Harrison on the Building Committee.

The records show the pastor had organized a "Philathaea Class" with 14 charter members, at Trinity.

At the official meeting held in Trinity Church, March 6th, 1915, the Official Board was re-elected, and as

Trinity could not accommodate the growing Sunday School nor the ever-increasing congregation, on motion, J. T. Chadwick, J. E. Nixon, M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman, John M. Schatzer, C. L. Heinrich, Edward E. Rice, Geo. W. Derritt, W. W. Davis and the pastor, were elected a Building Committee for the enlargement of Trinity.

Though bodily weak and worn, Rev. Linwood Hammond conducted a series of meetings at both of the appointments, and the Lord blessed his labors by 36 accessions on profession of faith, and by certificates. However, at the end of the year it was thought best for him to take a rest.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### CALVARY.

The Baltimore Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Mt. Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C., March 24th, 1915, with Bishop Warren Candler in the chair. And when Rev. H. A. Brown Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, presented the petition of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Central M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, Md., and Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., to set Calvary Church apart a separate and independent charge from Central Church, the Conference granted the request, and set Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., apart as a separate and independent charge.

And on the 29th of March Rev. W. W. White was appointed preacher in charge of Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va. Rarely do we find a charge begin its career under such favorable auspices, viz., with a Senior League of 124 members, a Sunday School with an enrollment of 208, a Woman's Missionary Society with 5 connectional and 30 local members, and a church nucleus of 159; a beautiful little church on a magnificent eminence, and sufficient lot to enlarge the church and build a parsonage on if so desired; free of debt and in the midst of a rapidly growing community of at least 1,000 inhabitants, teeming with youthful life and enthusiastic in the interests of the church. Calvary,

being the only church in Ridgeley, it was without competition of any kind.

The personnel of the first official meeting of the new charge held in Calavry Church, Ridgeley, W. Va., May 11th, 1915, consisted of Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E., Rev. W. W. White, P. C., A. J. Allen, Willard Everstine, Geo. Harrison, J. T. Bowers and B. W. O'Rourke.

After religious services conducted by the Presiding Elder, Willard Everstine was elected secretary. The Official Board as previously elected was confirmed and enrolled, as follows:

Rev. W. W. White, P. C.

Stewards—Archibald J. Allen, Willard Everstine, B. W. O'Rourke, T. A. Bootman, J. T. Bower, Geo. Harrison, B. Mooreland.

Trustees—W. W. White, Hiram Alkire, Archibald J. Allen, Charles Deffibaugh, Jas. T. Vandegrift, B. W. O'Rourke.

William Everstine, Sunday School Superintendent.

From the beginning the work readily responded to the care and attention of the pastor. The league was active, the Sunday School busy and the congregation large and solicitous. It was evident a larger church was needed, and as some wanted to move off the hill, at this Quarterly Conference the Building Committee previously appointed was authorized to sell the first church, get another location and build a larger church.

The Building Committee, appointed April 13th, 1914, consisting of the preacher in charge, A. J. Allen, Willard Everstine, B. W. O'Rourke, Alford Ridgeley, and T. A. Bootman, acted promptly and purchased of J. T. Vandegrift and Grace Vandegrift, his wife, two lots, 26 by 100 feet each, making a lot 52 by 100 feet, on

the east side of Nobly Street, Ridgeley, W. Va., for \$1,400. It was conveyed as follows:

"This deed, made this 7th day of June, 1915, by and between James T. Vandegrift and Grace Vandegrift, his wife, grantors of the first part, and Trustees of the Calvary M. E. Chourch, South, party of the second part, all of the county of Mineral and State of West Virginia.

"Witnesseth, that for the consideration of the sum of \$10 cash in hand paid, and other considerations not herein mentioned, the receipt of all of which is acknowledged, the said party of the first part doth grant and convey with covenants of general warranty of title unto the said Trustees of Calvary M. E. Church, South, all of that certain piece and parcel of ground lying and being in Frankford District, county and State aforesaid, shown and designated as lots 6 and 7 in Vandegrift's first addition to the town of Ridgeley, in trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and members of Calvary M. E. Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointment of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. Said lots Nos. 6 and 7 are described and bounded as follows:

"Beginning at a stake in the easterly line of Knobley Street corner of lot No. 5, and running with it, south 59 degrees 35 east 100 feet west to a stake in the westerly line of diagonally alley, 12 feet wide. Thence leaving said lot No. 5, and running with the line of said alley south 30 degrees 25 west, 26 feet to a

stake in the corner of lot No. 7, continuing the course 26 feet further to a stake in corner of lot No. 8, in all 52 feet, thence alongside said lot No. 8, 59 degrees 35 west, 100 feet to Knobley Street, thence along said street north 30 degrees 25 east, 26 feet to a stake in corner of lot No. 7, continuing the course 26 feet further to a stake in corner of lot No. 5, in all 52 feet to the beginning. The above described lots Nos. 6 and 7 being parts of the same land conveyed by and described in deed from Benjamine R. Valentine to the said James T. Vandegrift, said deed bearing date 9th of October, 1911, recorded in book No. 32, pages 128 and 129, Keyser, W. Va., Clerk's Office."

The committee having secured a location decided to erect thereon a brick church of gothic style 42 by 62 feet, with slate roof, and selected Mr. J. T. Vandegrift as superintendent and builder, who began work on the building immediately.

As an evidence of the development going on in the church a Junior League of 40 members was organized on June 21st, and a Bible Class of 8 members on the last Sunday of June. In September, Mrs. Robert Pane was appointed superintendent of the Cradle Roll, and thus another branch of the church's activity was brought into operation.

The new church rapidly grew to completion, and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. G. Dorsey White, father of the pastor, and former Presiding Elder of the District.

It had a cement foundation, the walls were of brick and covered with slate, the tower was 11 by 11 feet and 35 feet high; it formed the vestibule to both the Sunday School room and auditorium. The Sunday School room was 24 by 32 feet and the auditorium 34





Second Calvary M. E. Church South  
Ridgely, West Va.  
Opened December, 1915  
Rev. W. W. White, Pastor

by 42 feet, with a recess pulpit and choir loft 10 by 32 feet; the entire dimensions being 42 by 62 feet and furnishing a seating capacity of 400.

The floor inclined, the pews were circular with ends and backs of oak and seats of chestnut nicely finished. The altar rail, pulpit and chairs were all oak, nicely harmonized. The Sunday School room was directly in front of the pulpit, and as it was separated from the auditorium with rolling doors it was easily thrown into the main body of the church. It was seated with chairs and well supplied with blackboards and maps.

The pulpit and choir loft was covered with a nice ingrain carpet; the church was beautified and well lighted by day with three twin windows, nine single windows and circular window, all memorial and leaded glass, and with gas by night.

The front trio window is in memory of the pastor, who built the church, Rev. W. W. White, and wife. The north window was given by James T. Vandegrift and wife,, the south window by Alford Ridgeley and wife, the circular window by M. W. Schrader, and one each by Robert Radcliff and wife, Miss Bernice Everstine, N. E. Monnett and wife, the Men's Bible Class and the Junior League.

The pastor, Rev. W. W. White, said on December 6th, 1915: "The new church is a credit to the cause of Methodism in Ridgeley, is comfortable, attractive and well suited to meet the demands and advance the cause of kingdom of Christ. We are at present in the midst of a revival and the Lord, graciously blessing our efforts, has enabled 55 to make profession of faith in Christ and unite with us, and consequently the church is quickened."

During the year the church grew along all lines of activity and more perfectly completed its organization by adding a Junior League, a Men's Bible Class, a Cradle Roll and a Home Department.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference, on the twenty-fifth of February, for the current year of 1915-1916, added C. T. Blake to the board of stewards, and elected M. B. Mooreland assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, F. H. Mooreland superintendent of the Home Department, and O. W. Summers lay leader.

At which time the Trustees reported two brick churches in the town of Ridgeley, W. Va., "one built in the year 1901, in good condition, free from debt, and valued at \$2,000, but too small to accommodate this growing congregation. The other, a new church building, erected in 1915, at a cost of \$6,500, with an indebtedness of \$4,900. They carried \$1,500 insurance on the old church and \$3,000 of insurance on the new church, on which they paid \$42.60, premiums for the three ensuing years.

The titles are in fee simple and contain our trust clause required by the discipline. The titles are kept by James T. Vandegrift in the Peoples Bank of Ridgeley, W. Va. The deeds are recorded in the Clerk's Office of Keyser, W. Va. The old deed in Book No. 28, page 516. The deed to the new church in Book No. 35, pages 6 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD J. ALLEN,  
B. W. O'ROURKE."

Hiram Alpire, a charter member and one of the original Trustees of Calvary M. E. Church, South,

Ridgeley, W. Va., which office he held to the end, when he quietly and peacefully fell asleep and his spirit was borne away from us by the white-winged angels to the rest that remaineth for the people of God. It can truly be said of him that "he fought well, kept the faith and has gone to be a member of the Triumphant Church in glory."

December 9th, 1916, B. M. Mooreland was confirmed president of the Senior League, and at the same time O. W. Summers and B. M. Mooreland applied for exhorter's licenses, which were granted.

At the Quarterly Conference held February 26th, 1917, W. L. McFarland was elected Trustee to fill vacancy caused by the death of Hiram Alkire; Geo. F. Harrison, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. James Ridgeley, superintendent of the primary department; O. W. Summers, on the advisory committee and lay leader.

Rev. W. W. White was returned to the charge April 2nd, 1917, and as the house adjoining the church became vacant he rented it and moved there. On December 14th, 1917, the Trustees sold the first Calvary M. E. Church, South, built in Ridgeley, W. Va., for \$1,500, and applied the proceeds to the debt on the second Calvary Church, built there in 1915.

The new church was lighted and heated by gas, and owing to its scanty supply the janitor of the church on the evening of January 5th, when igniting the fire, turned on the full current and thoughtlessly left it that way with the stove door open. As the night passed and others turned their current off, the gas became stronger through the pipes leading into the church, and the licking flames poured forth through the open stove door and set fire to the church. Mrs. W. W. White,

wife of the pastor, was aroused and startled early in the morning of January 6th, 1918, by the flames of the burning church shining through the windows of the parsonage, which was saved with great difficulty.

The unwelcome news quickly spread to every home in the town, and as a burning arrow pierced many a heart. Fortunately, the church was insured for \$3,000, all of which they received; but after paying the indebtedness on the church there was only \$360 and the lot on which the ghastly fire-eaten walls stood, left them, and their former church having been disposed off they were completely out of doors and knew not whither to turn. However, the hall of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America over the Peoples Bank of Ridgeley, W. Va., was secured, and the Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, Rev. Geo. Richardson, of Romney, W. Va., hearing of the misfortune that had befallen his people, hastened to them, and drawing consolation from the wells of eternal truth, preached for them in the hall on January 13th, 1918, from the text:

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." Hag. 11:9.

The Spirit applied the truth and amidst their doubts, fears and tears, stilled their hearts and caused hope to spring anew on the frowning difficulties.

The United Brethren, who had purchased their former church building, courteously tendered the homeless fold an invitation to return and alternate with them in the services of the church, which they accepted, and held Sunday School at 3 p. m. and preaching service at 7.30 p. m.

However, in time it was realized by both parties that neither of them could do their most effective work in these cramped conditions, so as soon as Calvary congregation could, it secured the Tabernacle in the railroad cut, from which the United Brethren moved when they purchased the first Calvary Church.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the current year 1917-18 for Calvary Church was held in the parsonage adjoining the burned church on March 8th, 1918, and will long be remembered. Revs. Geo. W. Richardson, P. E., W. W. White, P. C., A. J. Allen, Geo. Harrison, B. W. O'Rourke, A. C. Jewell, B. M. Mooreland, O. W. Summers, W. S. Moore, Willard Everstine, Edward Welsh, members, and Elmer E. Biggs, a visitor, were present.

After the usual devotional services conducted by the Presiding Elder, the reports were received and the interests of the church thoroughly discussed. J. W. Shepherd was elected Trustee, instead of James T. Vandegrift, resigned, and O. W. Summers, Trustee, instead of C. H. Deffibaugh, resigned. On motion, J. W. Shepherd, Elmer E. Biggs, and H. R. Kight were elected a Building Committee to build a new church, and on motion, Willard Everstine and B. M. Mooreland were elected a committee to purchase the house adjoining the church for a parsonage.

The salaries were reported in full, but owing to their broken-up condition after the burning of the church, extreme severe winter, and the broken health of the pastor, the Conference collections fell behind for the first time in the history of the church.

## CHAPTER XIX.

### CENTRAL.

Rev. J. M. York was appointed to Central, Cumberland, Md., March 29th, 1915, where he remained the ensuing four years.

The First Quarterly Conference for the current year was held in Central, on May 10th. Rev. H. A. Brown, P. E., Rev. J. M. York, P. C., J. R. Portmess, W E. Frazee, E. Lee Shaw, W. B. Campbell and Theo Vansant were present. J. R. Portmess was elected secretary and recording secretary. As the incoming pastor, by this time, had visited two-thirds of his people, it is evident he had vigorously taken hold of the work, and consequently had won a warm place in the hearts of his people. The Presiding Elder's salary was set at \$107 and the preacher in charge allowed \$1,100 and his traveling expenses.

On September 6th the parsonage Trustees announced they had purchased the dwelling house, No. 27, on Glen Street, Cumberland, for which they were to pay \$4,010, and at the same time Rev. J. M. York stated that \$144 had been paid on the church debt, reducing it to \$3,700, and that he had been offered a contribution of \$1,500 on the church debt, providing the church would raise \$2,200. Being favorably impressed with the proposition the church appointed a committee to solicit contributions and subscriptions for that purpose, and on the night of the third day after its appointment, the committee found it had in cash

and good subscriptions \$2,339.55—quite enough to secure the liberal offer, and therefore, in due time, Central Church would be free of all mortgage indebtedness.

The deed to Central's parsonage is recorded in Liber No. 117, folio 509:

"This deed, made the 15th day of November, 1915, by and between Frank A. Pardew and Wilber V. Wilson, Trustees as hereinafter set forth, of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland, parties of the first part, and the Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, party of the second part.

"Whereas, by a decree of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, State of Maryland, sold September 20th, 1915, and passed in cause No. 7,505 Equity, in said Court, defending, wherein Frank E. Wigfield and others were complainants, and Albert Wigfield and others were defendants. The above named Frank A. Pardew and Wilber V. Wilson were duly appointed Trustees with authority to sell the real estate in the proceedings in the said cause mentioned.

"And whereas, after having given bond and complied with all the other requirements of the decree, the said Trustees did, on the 14th day of October, in said year, sell the property hereinafter described to the Trustees of Central M. E. Church, South, of Cumberland, at public sale for the sum of four thousand and ten dollars (\$4,010), which said sale has been duly reported to and ratified by said Court, and the purchase money fully paid to the said Trustees, Frank A. Pardew and Wilbur V. Wilson.

"Now, therefore, this deed witnesseth that for and

in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar, the said Frank A. Pardew and Wilbur V. Wilson, Trustees as aforesaid; do grant and convey unto the said the Trustees of Central M. E. Church, South, of Cumberland, all the right and title of all the parties to the aforesaid cause in and to all that lot, piece, or parcel of ground lying in the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland, fronting 25 feet on the southeasterly side of Glenn Street, and running back with even width 100 feet to Shinbone Alley, and particularly described as follows:

"Beginning for the same at a stake standing on the southeasterly side of Glenn Street at the end of the third line of a deed from Lorenzo D. Rhoer and wife, to Moninic Gallagher, dated the 17th of May, 1900, and recorded among the Land Records of Allegany County, in Liber No. 87, folio 168, and running thence with said line of said Gallagher deed, reversing south 48½ degrees east 100 feet to Shinbone Alley, then with the northwesterly side of Shinbone Alley southeasterly about 25 feet to the end of the second line of the whole lot conveyed by John Glenn and others, Trustees, and north 48½ degrees west 100 feet to the end of said third line at Glenn Street, then with Glenn Street to the place of beginning.

"Being the same property conveyed to John B. Wigfield by Mary C. Morgan, by deed dated May 3rd, 1912, and recorded in Liber No. 110, folio 5, one of the Land Records of Allegany County State of Maryland.

"Together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the right and roads, ways, water privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to have and to hold for the above

granted property unto the said the Trustees of Central M. E. Church, South, of Cumberland, its successors and assigns, in fee simple forever.

“FRANK A. PERDEW,  
“WILBUR V. WILSON,  
“Trustees.”

“I hereby certify that on the 15th day of November, 1915, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Frank A. Pardew and Wilbur V. Wilson, Trustees in No. 7,505 Equity, in the Circuit Court for Allegany County, Maryland, did each acknowledge the foregoing instrument to be their act and deed. Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

“GROVER J. DONAHOE,  
“Notary Public.”

Very unexpectedly Central Church, the Southern Methodists about Cumberland, and many friends, were caused to lament the sudden death of Jacob Robert Portmess, December 29th, 1915, one of the founders of his denomination in Cumberland in 1898. A charter member, steward and trustee of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., and elected its Sunday School Superintendent March 1st, 1901; a charter member of Central Church, in whose studio the Sunday School was organized on the first Sunday of May 1901, at which time he became its Superintendent, and continued so during his life. He was also Steward and Trustee of Central from its beginning, to the end of his life.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the church:

"WHEREAS, In the providence of God Bro. J. Robert Portmess, a faithful member and officer of our church, has been very unexpectedly removed from the Church militant to the Church Triumphant, and

"WHEREAS, We shall greatly miss his wise counsel and his brotherly love and his faithful service, be it

"Resolved, By the official members of Central M. E. Church, South, that we feel, and record, our sincere appreciation of his unselfish Christian life, his loyalty to the church, his devotion to his Lord and Master, and his unwavering support of every good cause; and be it further

"Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the church, and that a copy be sent to the family.

(Signed) "COMMITTEE."

In his report on February 28th, 1916, Rev. J. M. York says: "It is very gratifying to note the progress of the Sunday School since its organization, on the first Sunday of May, 1901, with 21 members and Bro. Portmess, its Superintendent, in his studio, Belvidere Hall, Baltimore Street, which position he retained continuously to the end of his life, at which time there were 24 on the Cradle Roll, 64 in the primary room, two Wesley Bible Classes, and an enrollment of 225 in all the departments of the school, with an average attendance of 125.

"We have a league of 50 members, which has raised \$70 for missions; a Woman's Home Missionary Society actively engaged in good works, who have raised \$410. There are four young men attending Randolph-Macon Academy, and we have had 27 accessions to the church."

On the 28th of February, 1916, E. Lee Shaw was

elected Trustee of Central Church, to take the place of J. Robert Portmess, deceased, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: J. S. Grayson, W. E. Frayzee, E. L. Shaw, H. H. Carlton, E. G. Shirley, Theo. Vansant, C. H. Deffinaugh, Dr. C. L. Owen, and Godfrew Feltz, Stewards, and W. B. Campbell, Sunday School Superintendent, and W. E. McDonald, assistant; Miss Meta Grayson, Miss Vera Bechman and Mrs. C. G. Collens, Advisory Committee, and B. L. Mooreland, Lay Leader.

At the Conference held in Green Meomorial, Roanoke, Va., in 1917, Rev. George W. Richardson was appointed Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District; and on April 30th the Central Society set their pastor's salary at \$1,200. On June 22nd, Central Quarterly Conference recommended Charles A. York to the District Conference for license to preach and elected Edward Ask and C. M. Lewis, Stewards.

After years of heroic struggle and sacrifice upon sacrifice, by those who bore the burden and weight of building Central Church, relief came, the mortgage having been lifted. Virginia M. Shultz, a little girl 6 years of age and youngest member of the church, on the 17th of July, 1917, burned all mortgage indebtedness, and Rev. Forest J. Prettyman, D. D., of Washington, D. C., preached an eloquent sermon at 11 a. m. and dedicated the church, which brought great satisfaction, but not inactivity.

In 1918, Central made improvements and installed a splendid steam plant in the church and placed a new furnace in the parsonage, at a cost of \$1,000, and advanced their pastor's salary to \$1,500.

In November the pastor was ssisted in a meeting by Rev. G. W. Moore, of Frostburg, Md., which re-

sulted in 25 conversions, 15 accessions by faith, and 4 by certificates.

On the 17th of January, 1919, J. S. Grayson, W. E. Frayzee, E. Lee Shaw, E. F. Ash, T. B. Bowie, C. M. Lewis, W. E. McDonald, J. T. Vandegrift, E. G. Shirley, H. H. Carlton, A. G. McElfish, C. A. Rice, A. J. Allen, W. M. Fare, B. L. Mooreland, and Dr. C. L. Owen were elected Stewards; W. M. Fare, Sunday School Superintendent; E. Lee Shaw, Assistant Superintendent; B. W. Mooreland and E. Lee Shaw, Sunday School Advisory Committee; and B. L. Mooreland, Lay Leader.

## CHAPTER XX.

### TRINITY AND AGUR CHAPEL.

Rev. Harry V. Wheeler was appointed to Trinity and Agur Chapel, Cumberland, Md., March 24th, 1915, and remained there the ensuing quadrenium. On arriving he found the church well organized, and at once saw there was a great need of better accommodations for both the Sundays Schools and congregations; but inasmuch as they were wrestling with a heavy burden, a long-standing debt on the parsonage, they were not much inclined to add thereto, or undertake a more stupendous task.

Rev. H. A. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, held their First Quarterly Conference for the current year in Agur Chapel, May 7th, 1915. Rev. H. V. Wheeler, P. C., M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman, J. M. Shatzer, Charles L. Heinrich, J. E. Nixon, and Edgar S. Rice, from Trinity, and Jacob T. Taylor, W. C. Light, F. L. Taylor and Edward E. Gerard, from Agur Chapel, were present, and set the salary of the Presiding Elder at \$97, and the salary of the preacher in charge at \$1,000. The pastor reported \$115.87 paid on the parsonage debt and \$28.52 on other accounts. A Home and Foreign Missionary Society, two mid-week prayer meetings, with an average attendance at Trinity of 37 women and 7 men, and 26 women and 5 men at Agur Chapel, a Junior and a Senior League in good condition. He said the Sunday School was crowding Agur Chapel, and that

Trinity was entirely inadequate for either the Sunday School or congregation, hence it was evident if the church was to expand or grow, something would have to be done in the near future." But as no action was taken and as the congested conditions at Trinity continued to increase, the pastor, realizing the urgency of the matter, called together the building committee appointed at the previous Fourth Quarterly Conference, consisting of the preacher in charge, J. T. Chadwich, M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman, J. M. Shatzer, C. L. Heinrich, J. E. Nixon, Edgar S. Rice, Geo. O. Durratt, and W. W. Davis, who met on July 27th and decided to build an auditorium to Trinity 47 by 53 feet, of brick and covered with slate, according to the plans and specification of Geo. F. Sansbury, the architect. On the next day the contract was let to Edward E. Gerard, who began work on it immediately.

On November 5th, 1915, a Young People's Missionary Society was organized at Trinity, with 22 charter members, by electing Mrs. Esther G. Davis, president; Miss Pear Twigg, secretary; Miss Odell Peters, corresponding secretary; and Miss Mable Lewis, treasurer. The service held November 25th resulted in a thank offering of \$10.

At the official meeting held December 6th, J. E. Nixon and G. O. Durratt were elected and added to the Trinity Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Jeremiah Chadwich was confirmed president of the Senior League. And as the work on Trinity auditorium had been pushed forward so rapidly that it was up and under roof, it was evident, if the same success attended the workmen, it would soon be ready for the regular

service January 30th, 1916, was set apart for the opening occasion, and the work speeded on.

The auditorium, like the Sunday School room, is of gothic design, 47 by 53 feet, with two towers, one 10 by 11 feet, the other 10 by 10 feet, forming the entrance or vestibule at both front corners of the church. The walls are brick and roof slate.

There is one large window 14 by 15 in front of four parts, and three windows on each side, one in memory of each, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, the founder of the church; Millard F. Davis, J. W. Harrison, Mark A. and J. Gilbert Grim; and one put in by the Sunday School. There are three windows in each tower, and one small window over the Sunday School door. All are of art glass. The pews are circular, with ends and back of three-ply oak, while the seats are chestnut, finished in mission oak. The pulpit furniture and choir loft is also mission oak, so that the whole interior blends. The floor is covered with a green velvet Brussels carpet, and the auditorium is lighted by concealed electric lights in the ceiling, and has a seating capacity of 300; is connected with the Sunday School room by rolling doors, and when both are thrown into one room it has a seating capacity of 500.

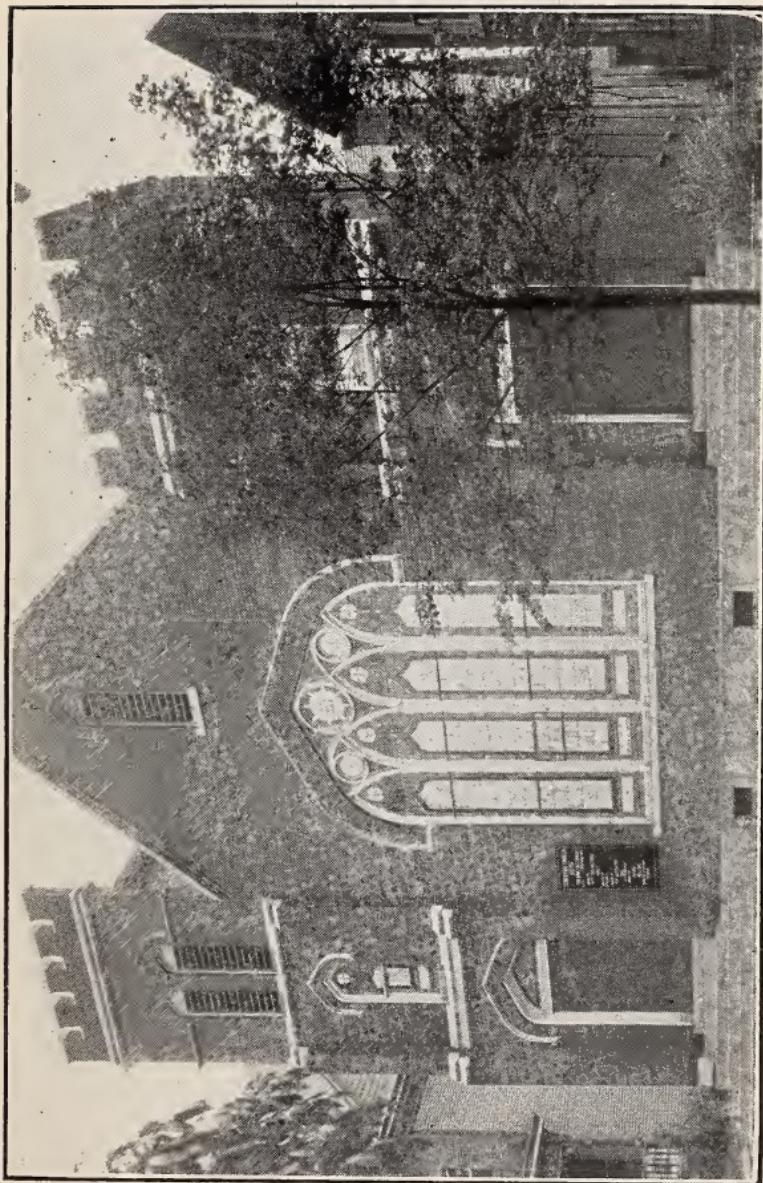
The fondest hopes for the opening occsaion were fully realized. January 30th proved an ideal day, and though in mid-winter, it was bright, warm and inviting. The Sunday School was out in full force at 9.30 a. m., and long before the appointed hour for public worship every seat in the new auditorium was taken and both it and the Sunday School were crowded to their utmost capacity. Central, Calvary and Agur Chapels closed in order that pastors and people might unite with Trinity in celebrating the occasion.

Rev. J. M. York, pastor of Central; Rev. W. W. White, pastor of Calvary; together with Rev. H. V. Wheeler, the pastor of Trinity, assisted in the morning service. Rev. Geo. T. Tyley, of Fairfax, Va., and a former Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, in which Trinity Church is located, preached the opening sermons at 11 a. m. and again at 7.30 p. m., to the delight of all present.

In the evening Rev. H. C. Smith, a member of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, South, and Rev. H. A. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, were present and took part in the services. And thus ended one of the most delightful days in the history of the church.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the current year met in Trinity Church on the following day, January 31st, 1916, at which time the official board was re-elected. And that the church was in a state of activity and prosperity, financially, numerically, and spiritually, is evidenced by the beautiful auditorium just built, three Missionary Societies who raised \$171; a Junior and Senior League numbering 100 in membership; Trinity Sunday School with an enrollment of 295, Agur Chapel had 130 in its Sunday School. Six adults and 10 infants had been baptized, 31 received on profession of faith, and 23 by certificate, making a membership of 349.

However, in the midst of her triumphs, Trinity was caused to lament the loss of Mrs. Florence Purington, one of its charter and faithful members, who quietly and peacefully fell asleep March 30th, 1916, and who was thereby relieved of the cares and trials of life to enter the rest that remaineth for the people of the



Trinity Auditorium M. E. Church South  
Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md.  
Opened January 30, 1916  
Rev. H. V. Wheeler, Pastor



Lord. And after two years of lingering illness, Albert Dewitt Randell, a charter member and Trustee of Trinity Church, yielded to the ravages of disease April 11th, 1916, and was laid to rest by his comrades, looking for the reunion on the resurrection morning.

The current year of 1916-17 opened under favorable circumstances. The success attending the efforts at Trinity, and the congested conditions at Agur Chapel, inspired the Chapel to redouble its activity, so that, by request, the Presiding Elder held a called meeting at the Chapel on June 6th, 1916, at which time they thoroughly discussed its needs and decided to build a new church.

And by the time of the Second Quarterly Conference, held in Trinity, July 14, 1916, the demands were such that the official board of the Chapel presented the great need of more service or service at a different hour, and requested the Presiding Elder to provide a junior preacher or one to take charge of that part of the work.

After the conditions and opportunities of the church at that appointment were thoroughly discussed, it was decided that if Agur Chapel could pay its proportional part of salaries of the preacher in charge, and the Presiding Elder, to July 31st, 1916, and provide for the support of a junior preacher the balance of the year, the Presiding Elder promised to secure a preacher for them.

The Stewards of Agur Chapel accepted the proposition, and made arrangements to meet these requirements. Whereupon the Presiding Elder immediately set about looking for a preacher to fill the position and secured the services of Rev. Geo. R. Kiracofe, who en-

tered upon the work at Agur Chapel August 15th, 1916. His coming and giving Agur Chapel morning and evening service, instead of the afternoon, put new vigor in the appointment and proved a great blessing to the entire work.

The Trustees of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., thinking they could handle their finances better by consolidating their obligations, on the 10th of October, 1916, borrowed \$6,660.14 of the First National Bank, Piedmont, W. Va., and after having met their obligations in building the auditorium, paid off the \$1,074 balance of \$1,500 mortgage held by W. Boyd Smith, of Cumberland, against the parsonage building and lot, and merged the \$1,074 into the church debt. I here append the release of said mortgage:

"State of Maryland, Alleghany County, Maryland, to wit: I, Lloyd L. Shaffer, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Alleghany County, State aforesaid, certify that a mortgage from J. Robert Portmess for the Trustees and all Trustees of the Trinity M. E. Church, South, to W. Boyd Smith, of Cumberland, Md., for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), dated April 28th, 1910, and recorded in mortgage, Record No. 51, folio 406, one of the Records of said County, has been entered, released upon said Record. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Circuit Court this 10th day of October, 1916.

(Signed) "LLOYD L. SHAFFER,  
"Clerk E. H."

At the official meeting held on the 27th of November, 1916, A. W. Bealt was elected Steward and Mrs. Bessie Kalbaugh confirmed president of Trinity Senior

League. At which time Trinity reported \$374.25 and Agur Chapel \$146.84, being enough to pay the Presiding Elder, preacher in charge, and junior preacher in full to date. This in part demonstrated the wisdom in securing the second man for the work.

The further development of the church and advanced ideas of the kingdom of Christ is shown by the Thanksgiving service, held November 30, when a congregation of devout worshipers of the Lord Jehovah filled Trinity Church at 6.30 a. m., and at the conclusion of the song and prayer service laid a thank offering of \$146.50 on the altar, which sum continued to grow till it reached \$228.72. A union service was held at 10 a. m., at which time Rev. H. R. R. Reck, of Grace M. E. Church, Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, preached an interesting and helpful sermon.

The current year rapidly passing, Rev. H. A. Brown, Presiding Elder, held the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the charge in Trinity Church, March 12th, 1917. Rev. H. V. Wheeler, P. C., Rev. Geo. W. Kira-cofe, Jr. P., J. T. Chadwich, M. F. Davis, D. C. Twigg, J. E. Nixon, M. M. Rice, Geo. W. Holtzman, J. M. Shatzer, C. L. Heinrich, A. W. Bealt, Edgar S. Rice, William A. Boyd, John E. Sansbower, and Howard J. Wagner, from Trinity; and Jacob T. Taylor, W. C. Light, I. G. McElfish, W. L. Pugh, T. E. Evans, Charles Schaffer, and E. E. Gerard, from Agur Chapel, were present. William A. Boyd and John E. Sansbower were elected and added to the Trinity Board of Stewards; Howard J. Wagner was elected Lay Leader at Trinity, and Walter Pugh, Lay Leader at Agur Chapel.

These laborers were spured on by the results attending their efforts in the Master's vineyard. The

Leagues were full of vitality, had 86 members and raised \$74.47. Trinity Sunday School had 17 on the Cradle Roll, 18 officers and teachers, 6 Wesley Bible classes and 300 scholars, making a total enrollment of 335 in all apartments, and raised by free-will offering \$104.15, for Missions, and for all purposes, \$594.82, while Agur Chapel Sunday School had 28 on Cradle Roll, 11 officers and teachers and 104 scholars, making a total of 143 on roll, who raised \$100 for missions and \$149.27 for all purposes.

Trinity Young Peoples' Missionary Society of 28 members raised \$54.99, while the Woman's Missionary Society, with 31 members, raised \$143.89.

The church, too, was careful, and looked well after its finances, paid on open account \$35 and interest, amounting to \$186.75, and on the principal \$190.70, and salaries in full.

The windows of heaven were opened and the spirit of power came down, resulting in a gracious revival of 46 professions of faith at Trinity and 20 at Agur Chapel. This success gave inspiration to the charge, so that both of the appointments felt that it was time for each of them to move out on independent lines.

And inasmuch as Agur Chapel had a Sunday School of 143, a Woman's Missionary Society and a goodly membership, and the church had supported the junior preacher for the past eight months and were anxious to have a pastor of their own, and as Trinity had met her obligations, the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Trinity and Agur Chapels charge held on May 12th, 1917, passed the following resolutions:

"1. *Be it resolved*, That it is the sense of this Quarterly Conference that Agur Chapel should be set apart,

a separate and independent charge, to be known as 'Agur Chapel,' the Board of Stewards representing the members of that appointment agreeing to pay their pastor \$550, providing the Baltimore Annual Conference at its next session set them apart as a separate and independent charge; and further providing the Board of Missions will allow and give the charge \$100 in support of their pastor, making the salary \$650. They also agree that they will endeavor to reduce that amount every year until the charge becomes self-supporting.

"2. *Resolved*, That the Trinity Board of Stewards agree to fix their pastor's salary for the ensuing year at \$1,200 and withdraw from the Board of Missions.

"3. *Resolved*, That Rev. H. A. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, of which this work is a part, be and is hereby requested to present these resolutions to the ensuing Annual Conference, and take such other steps as may be necessary to accomplish this end."

The Presiding Elder presented the resolutions to the Conference and it set Agur Chapel off as a separate and independent charge.

The Easter service, held in Trinity Church, April 8th, 1917, was an interesting occasion. The church was tastily decorated with potted plants. The attendance was large, and the pastor delivered an impressive sermon, after which two persons were received on profession of faith, and a free-will offering taken which resulted in \$226.

The recently appointed Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, Rev. Geo. W. Richardson, held Trinity's first Quarterly Conference for the current

year on the 23rd of April, 1917. Rev. H. V. Wheeler, P. C.; J. T. Chadwick, Geo. W. Holtzman, M. M. Rice, J. M. Shatzer, C. L. Heinrich, John E. Sandowers, A. M. Bealt, William Boyd, J. E. Nixon, D. C. Twigg, Edgar S. Rcie, H. J. Wagner, Geo. O. Arnett, Taylor Twigg, and John Nesbit were present, and in conformity with a resolution passed at the last Fourth Quarterly Conference, the stewards set their pastor's salary at \$1,200.

Millard F. Davis, one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Cumberland, in 1898, a charter member of Trinity Church, Grand Avenue; a steward and trustee from the beginning; in whose house the early official meetings were held, and the Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann was domiciled while founding the church, quietly and peacefully passed over the river on the 26th of April, 1917, to join his comrades who had gone before, in Church Triumphant.

On July 22nd John E. Grim was elected trustee of Trinity Church instead of M. F. Davis, deceased. At this time the church was in great favor with God and man, a gracious revival through which it had recently passed, resulting in 17 accessions on profession of faith, and 11 by certificates. It also added new interest in its various departments, viz: The mid-week prayer meeting had an average attendance of 70, while the "Safety First" Bible Class had grown to 61 members and the Sunday School had an average attendance of 382. And, inasmuch as they had paid \$161, being interest in full to date, and \$145 on the principal, it is evident their finances were in good condition.

About this time a new feature was introduced in the church at large, viz., the "District Missionary Institute." The Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District

held the Moorefield District Missionary Institute in Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, October 23-24, at which time and place Rev. W. W. White, pastor of Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va., spoke with much earnestness on the Missionary enterprise; Rev. R. C. Maxwell, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, Frostburg, Md., delivered an excellent address on prayer as an essential factor in mission work; Rev. J. M. York, pastor of Central M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, accomplished a difficult feat in an impromptu address for an absent speaker (Rev. H. V. Wheeler, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, in which the meeting was being held), elaborately presenting the missionary operation in the Moorefield District, showing exactly the amount given per capita, and the amount the District received; while Rev. J. H. Wells, pastor of Harrisonburg M. E. Church, South, and Missionary Secretary of the Baltimore Annual Conference, delivered two eloquent addresses on the Missionary Work of the Church.

The Third Quarterly Conference for the current year of 1917 was a joint meeting of Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., Central, and Trinity, Cumberland, Md., which was held in Trinity, on the 26th of October, 1917, at which Rev. Geo. W. Richardson, Presiding Elder, read and gave an excellent exegesis of the XXII Psalm, and led in prayer, after which each church elected its secretary and in turn each pastor responded to the questions as asked by the Presiding Elder.

From the outset and the large attendance of business men, it was evident that there was more than ordinary interest in the meeting, and when Rev. H. V. Wheeler

brought out the fact that there was a movement on foot which would open up a new section to Cumberland, Rev. J. M. York said he understood that the coming of the proposed tire plant to Cumberland would bring at least 7,000 workmen and add about 20,000 to its present population, Mr. E. Lee Shaw and other members of the Quarterly Conference spoke in the most assuring manner of the prospect, and all were convinced that there was an open door for our church in that part of the city, Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, the pioneer of our present work in Cumberland, being present, urged that the situation be seized immediately.

Whereupon, a committee was elected, consisting of Revs. G. W. Richardson, H. V. Wheeler, J. M. York, W. W. White, G. R. Kiracofe, E. Lee Shaw, J. T. Vandergraft, G. W. Holtzman, and I. G. McElfish, to be known as the "City Board of Church Extension of Cumberland, Md.," to look after and secure option on an eligible site in that part of the city being opened up. At 2 p. m. on the next day the committee viewed the field and appointed Mr. E. Lee Shaw to take all necessary steps to secure option on certain desirable lots.

Another interesting occasion in the history of Trinity Church came on November 29th, 1917, when the thank offering amounted to \$1,168.75. And on February 1st, 1918, the record shows the church was not only meeting its incidental and current expenses, but had paid \$49.40 on open accounts, \$111.95 to the Red Cross movement, \$1,525.59 on the principal and interest in full to February 4th, 1918.

The Cumberland Times said:

"The Sunday School of Trinity M. E. Church,

South, Cumberland, Md., during the year of 1917-18 made an average missionary offering of \$25.80 for 11 months, so that when special efforts were made to have the largest contribution at the close of the Conference year. It meant sacrifice on the part of many ; nevertheless, they entered upon it with zeal ; and consequently the collection broke all previous records. For on March 3rd, 1918, the Mizpah Class, with 18 young ladies in it, presented an offering of \$61 ; Safety First, the Men's Bible Class, came second with \$58.92. The whole school did well, as it presented \$200, all of which was a free-will offering.

"Peace and prosperity was the legacy of the church, and consequently members were constantly added on profession of faith and by certificates, until its membership had reached 363."

Beautiful and interesting services were held on April 14th, 1898, at which time the Easter free-will offering amounted to \$402.25.

The first Quarterly Conference of the charge for the current year 1918-19 was held in Trinity Church on the 22nd of May, at which time a further development of the church is shown in advancing the Presiding Elder's salary to \$100, and the pastor's salary to \$1,400 ; and further shown by the \$61 offering made the Red Cross on July 2nd.

About this time the church at large caught a broader vision of the needs and possibility of extending the kingdom of Christ, and launched a more vigorous effort known as the "Centenary Program." The pastor of Trinity, being interested in the onward march of the church, presented the Centenary Program to his congregation on the 27th of October, which resulted in

the observance of a week of prayer, from November 3rd to 10th, and concluded with a sermon by Rev. C. D. Harris, D. D., editor of the Baltimore Southern Methodist, who secured 25 subscribers to the Conference paper.

For 15 years Trinity congregation had borne a debt of \$1,070 on its parsonage and on erecting its beautiful auditorium it became necessary to make a very much larger debt, but they reduced it from time to time till they got it down to \$3,700, about which time the pastor was offered the liberal gift of \$1,000, providing the church would liquidate all indebtedness against it. He talked the matter over with his people, and they consented to accept the proposition; they prayed in private, and held public prayer services, asking the Lord to open the way so that each would freely give of the means in their hands.

In the meantime the pastor was laying plans for a real thanksgiving offering on November 28th, 1918, at which time Rev. G. W. Richardson, Presiding Elder, of the Moorefield District, of which Trinity was a part, was on hand to take part in this interesting occasion. The intense interest was such that the congregation began assembling early, so that by 6 A. M., the appointed hour of service, a large and interested audience was present. Many who could not attend the services, on passing left their contribution, and when the offerings were added, \$3,300 was found on the plates, and during the day increased to \$3,921, so that they were assured of the gift of \$1,000, and were thereby enabled to pay off all indebtedness against both the church and the parsonage. Thus, November 28th,

1918, became a red-letter day in the history of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Cumberland, Md.

With joy and rejoicing that the burden of long standing had been lifted from their shoulders, on December 5th members and friends came laden with all manner of good things to the parsonage as an expression of their appreciation of their pastor, who had been instrumental in relieving them of the debt.

On December 15th the Baltimore & Ohio shop men attended service at Trinity and presented Rev. H. V. Wheeler with a purse of \$165, thereby showing their gratitude for the attention he had shown them.

But Trinity congregation had so long been active it could not be content at ease, so it immediately began improvements on the parsonage by repairs and installing electric lights, a new range and a new hot-air furnace, at a cost of \$94.62. And on Christmas day, December 25th, 1918, Trinity Sunday School made a real Christmas gift by raising \$56 for the Syrian and Armenian Relief Fund.

The church, freed of debt, the long anticipated event, the dedication of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., came on January 12th, 1919. The morning was clear and mild, with golden strands across the eastern skies. Agur Chapel and Central, in order to be present and participate with the mother church on the happy occasion, withdrew their services. The assembly began gathering early in the morning, so that before the appointed hour of service the house was crowded to overflowing.

Rev. G. W. Richardson, Presiding Elder, of the Moorefield District; Rev. J. M. York, pastor of Central M. E. Church, South, South George Street, Cum-

berland, Md.; Rev. W. W. McIntire, pastor of Agur Chapel M. E. Church, South, Humbird Street, Cumberland; and Rev. R. V. Wheeler, pastor of the church being dedicated, occupied seats about the pulpit, and took part in the services at 11 a. m. Rev. H. M. Canter, D. D., Presiding Elder of Washington District, preached the dedicatory, a soul-stirring sermon, to a large and attentive audience, which, together with the sweet consolation that they were going to present to the Lord a temple costing \$12,000, free of debt, and built from the beginning to its completion of free-will offerings, created an overflow of gratitude, so that it was said by one who was present:

"It was my pleasure on the morning of January 12th instant to be in Trinity Church and listen to a great sermon on 'The Power of Prayer,' preached to a large and appreciative audience. It was a joyous time to me. Though I am not one of the flock, I have been interested in this congregation and have been moved to tears of joy as I have witnessed the life-giving power of Christ putting new life into these people, as they have been led on from grace to grace by the man of God, Harry V. Wheeler. And when Dr. Canter, with face radiant with glory, after preaching such a soul-stirring sermon, read the dedicatory service, it was with the greatest effort that I kept from praising God aloud in the sanctuary."

These services were followed with a series of meetings, till February 16th, which resulted in 15 conversions, 13 accessions on profession of faith and four by certificates.

On January 25th the congregation presented their pastor with a purse of \$66, a birthday present, and on February 13th the Official Board increased their pastor's salary from \$1,400 to \$1,500.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### AGUR CHAPEL.

The Baltimore Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, commenced its one hundred and thirty-second session in Green Memorial Church, Roanoke, Va., March 28th, 1917, with Bishop W. B. Murrah, president of the Conference, in the chair.

During the session it heard the petition from the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Trinity Church, Grand Avenue, and Agur Chapel, Humbird Street, both of Cumberland, Md., requesting their separation and establishing Agur Chapel an independent charge, and inasmuch as the separation was shown agreeable and desired by both churches, and as Agur Chapel had a Sunday School with 28 on the Cradle Roll, 12 officers and teachers, 2 Wesley Bible Classes, and 144 in all departments, and had raised \$77, and had two Missionary Societies, a Junior and Senior League, and a church membership of 118, who had paid the junior preacher or its pastor for the past eight months' service \$312.

The Conference approved the request, and set Agur Chapel apart from Trinity and made it a separate and independent station; and on the 2nd of April appointed Rev. G. R. Kiracofe preacher in charge. The young preacher returned with love in his heart for the Master's cause, and zeal to see what could be accomplished by the church.

That part of the Board of Stewards elected at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Trinity and Agur Chapels, March 12th, 1917, living within the bounds of Agur Chapel, and consisting of Jacob T. Taylor, Thomas F. Evans, I. G. McElfish, W. L. Pugh, W. C. Light, Charles Schaffer, and Homer Burch, at the call of the pastor met in Agur Chapel the 16th of April, 1917, and organized by electing J. T. Taylor, president; T. F. Evans, secretary, and I. G. McElfish, treasurer.

The first Quarterly Conference for the new charge, "Agur Chapel," was held in joint conference with the mother church, Trinity, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, on the 23rd of April, 1917. Rev. G. R. Kiracofe, P. C., J. T. Taylor, I. G. McElfish, W. L. Pugh, and J. P. Shriver were present.

The Sunday School superintendent and stewards elected at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Trinity and Agur Chapel, on the 12th of March, 1917, were confirmed, and T. F. Evans was elected recording steward, and Rev. G. R. Kiracofe chairman of the Building Committee instead of Rev. H. V. Wheeler. Together with the \$100 promised by the Board of Missions, the stewards set their pastor's salary at \$650.

The Sunday School was growing and the congregation large, hence the work moved along encouragingly, so that it became evident that it would be wise to secure another lot in order to have room for a parsonage, and on October 27th Rev. G. R. Kiracofe and I. G. McElfish were elected a committee to secure option on Lot No. 229 on the north side of Humbird Street adjoining Agur Chapel property, which they did at an early date. Rev. G. R. Kiracofe married

soon after returning, and as the charge did not have a parsonage, he rented rooms. The first year, as an independent work, was one full of interest, and they raised for all purposes \$1,347.

## CHAPTER XXII.

### AGUR CHAPEL.

At the Baltimore Conference, held in Central Church, Baltimore, on the 8th of April, 1918, Rev. W. W. McIntyre fell heir to the pastorate of Agur Chapel, and on arriving recognized that there was much to be done. As the charge was without a parsonage and as there was property, a double six-room house, on the south side of Humbird Street, just opposite Agur Chapel, for sale at \$2,500, he induced the Official Board to purchase it, and put \$510 worth of furniture in it, where he and his family became comfortably quartered. The committee appointed October 27th, 1917, to secure option on the lot adjoining Agur Chapel did so, and later purchased the same for \$300.

"This deed, made this 26th day of September, 1918, by and between J. Wilson Humbird and Fannie Humbird, his wife, both of Garrett County, in the State of Maryland, parties of the first part, and Agur Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland, party of the second part.

"Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of \$300 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge by the parties of the first part, do hereby give, grant, bargain and sell, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, its heirs and assigns, all that

piece or parcel of land situated and lying in said Allegany County, State of Maryland, described as follows:

"Beginning for the same, on the north side of Humbird Street, at the end of the first line of lot No. 228, and running thence with said street south  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east 30 feet, thence north  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east 125 feet to an alley, and with it north  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west 30 feet to the end of the second line of lot No. 228, and with it reversed south  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west 125 feet to the beginning.

"The same being part of a large tract of land conveyed to J. Wilson Humbird by Hellen B. Graham et al., by deed dated April 27th, 1891, and recorded in T. L. No. 70, folio 1, one of the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland.

"The land hereby conveyed, is on the plat of the Humbird Land & Improvement Company of Cumberland, Maryland, and is recorded in Liber T. L. No. 73, folio, of the County aforesaid.

"The table of courses and distances of the lots on the plat of the aforesaid Humbird Land Improvement Company; is recorded in Liber T. L. No. 84, folio 67, one of the land records of Allegany County, Md.

"Together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the rights, roads, ways, waters, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

"To have and to hold the above granted property unto the said parties of the second part, its heirs and assigns forever.

"And the said parties of the first part hereby covenant with the parties of the second part that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed, and

that they will execute such other and further assurances of said land as may be necessary."

The above is signed by

J. WILSON HUMBIRD and  
FANNIE HUMBIRD, His Wife.

And attested

J. B. HUMBIRD.

"State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit:

"I hereby certify, that on this 26th day of September, in the year 1918, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County aforesaid, personally appeared J. Wilson Humbird and Fannie Humbird, his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing instrument to be their act and deed.

(Signed) "J. B. HUMBIRD,  
"Justice of the Peace."

The Chapel being too small to accommodate either the Sunday School or congregation, it was evident that something must be done to enlarge it; and as the committee appointed January 31st, 1916, had not acted, another Building Committee was elected on November 1st, 1918, consisting of Rev. W. W. McIntyre, P. C., I. G. McElfish, W. L. Pugh, and J. P. Shriver. They at once decided to add a building 20 by 37 feet to the rear of the Chapel, and thereby made the auditorium 25 by 55 feet, with a Bible Class room 12 by 20 feet. Looking forward to this enterprise they had already been at work soliciting contributions and had \$331.61 in hand. On the 10th of the month the Official Board decided to change the name of the church from "Agur Chapel" to "Emmanuel."

"This deed, made this fifteenth day of November, in the year 1918, by and between Francis A. Pouder and Grace Marion Pouder, his wife, of Berkley County,

in the State of West Virginia, parties of the first part, and the Trustees of Agur Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., a corporate body duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, party of the second part.

"Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of \$2,500 lawful money of the United States of America, well and duly paid by the party of the second part to the said parties of the first part, which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, all those two lots or parcels of ground situated on the south side of Humbird Street, in the City of Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., known and designated as Lots Nos. 294 and 295, on the plat of the Humbird Land & Improvement Company, and particularly described as follows:

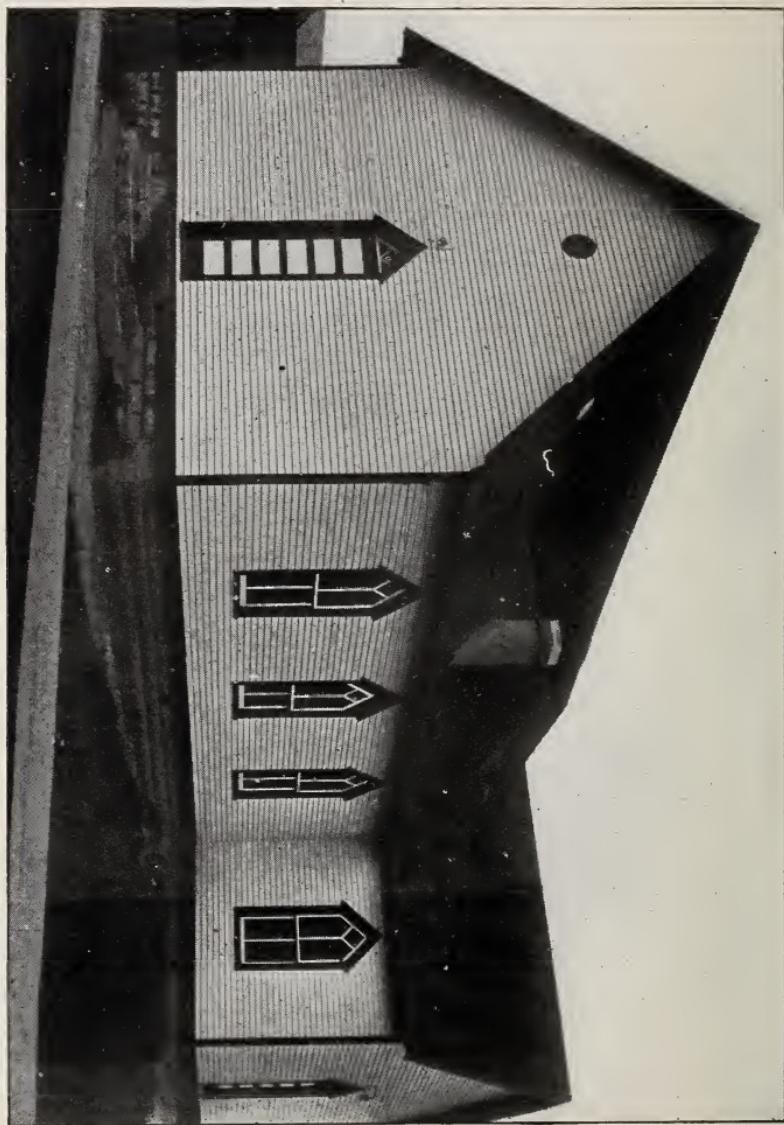
"Beginning on the south side of Humbird Street, at the end of the first line of Lot No. 293, on said plat, and running thence with said Humbird Street  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east 60 feet, thence south  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west 125 feet to an alley, and with it north  $53\frac{1}{2}$  degrees west 60 feet to the end of the second line of said lot No. 293, and with it reversed north  $36\frac{1}{2}$  degrees east 125 feet to the place of beginning.

"It being the same property conveyed to the said Francis A. Pouder and Grace M. Pouder, his wife, by Pierce N. Noland and wife, by deed dated September 15th, 1910, and recorded in Liber No. 106, folio 606, of the Land Record of Allegany County.

"Together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the rights, roadways, water privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or any wise appertaining.



Emmanuel M. E. Church South  
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Dedicated February 2, 1919  
Rev. W. W. McIntyre, Pastor



"To have and to hold the same unto the said parties of the second part, its successors, and assigns, in trust, that such premises shall be held, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who may from time to time be appointed in said place; subject to the usage and discipline of said church, as from time to time authorized by the General Conference of said church and the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated.

"Witness our hands and seals this day and year aforesaid.

"FRANCIS A. POUDER,  
"GRACE MARION POUDER.

"Witness: "W. W. COLE.

"State of Maryland, Allegany County, to wit:

"I hereby certify that on this fifteenth day of November, in the year 1918, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland in and for Allegany County, personally appeared Francis A. Pouder and Grace Marion Pouder, his wife, and each acknowledged the aforesaid instrument to be their respective act and deed. Witnessed by

"W. W. COLE."

Having already learned the best way to promote the Master's cause is by free-will offerings, arrangements were made for a Thanksgiving service on November 25th, 1918, which resulted in an offering of \$172. As a token of esteem the congregation at Agur Chapel presented their pastor, Rev. W. W. McIntyre, with a handsome gold watch and chain, costing \$50, and the Junior Bible Class, of which he was teacher, with a beautiful umbrella Christmas gift December 25th, 1918.

The work readily responded to energetic hands, and the improvements steadily grew, so that February 2nd, 1919, was set apart as the day for reopening or dedication. The interest was so great and the determination so resolute, that the builders worked all Friday night and Saturday till the going down of the sun, in order to have the church completed by the appointed time. The day of dedication was clear and the air crispy. Rev. H. V. Wheeler closed Trinity Church in order that he and his congregation might unite with their daughter in celebrating this noted occasion. He, together with the pastor and the Presiding Elder, occupied the pulpit.

The services were opened at 11 a. m. by singing hymn 667; then Rev. H. V. Wheeler made the opening prayer, after which the congregation united in singing hymn 662. Then Rev. Geo. W. Richardson, of Romney, W. Va., Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, preached an excellent sermon from the text: "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

At the close of the sermon it was stated that the improvements had cost \$2,300, all of which had been paid except \$600, and that by raising that amount the church could be dedicated unto the Lord; whereupon the people proved that they were only waiting an opportunity to show their generosity, for when the collection was taken and counted it was found that they had laid \$717 on the plates, \$117 more than necessary. After which Rev. G. W. Richardson set the church apart from all unhallowed usage by the use of our beautiful church ritual. The meeting was protracted and resulted in 24 conversions.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

### CALVARY.

Rev. Ernest W. Aaron was appointed on April 8th, 1918, to Calvary, Ridgeley, W. Va., and on arriving all he found was the lot on which the skeleton of the former beautiful church stood, amid heaps of ashes and brickbats, and \$360 to begin work on. However, instead of this discouraging him, it seemed to awaken all of his latent energy and zeal, so he set himself vigorously to the task before him.

The First Quarterly Conference was held in the Tabernacle formerly occupied by the U. B. Church, Ridgeley, W. Va., May 24th, 1918. Rev. G. W. Richardson, P. E., Rev. E. W. Aaron, P. C., W. Everstine, W. S. Moore, C. A. Jewell, J. W. Monnett, and the Building Committee, J. W. Shepherd, E. E. Biggs, and H. R. Knight, were present. The plans of the new church were drawn by George F. Sansbury, of Cumberland, Md., and the first estimates were something over \$9,000; however, before finishing it, the cost far exceeded these figures.

Owing to the distressed condition of the congregation, Rev. C. M. Hesser, a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference and representative of the Board of Church Extension, visited the scene and in order to encourage them to get on their feet again, proposed that if they would raise \$1,300 by the day the church was opened, the Board of Church Extension would donate \$1,300.

The offer was accepted, and in the month of May, while worshiping in the Tabernacle, an appeal was made to the congregation, and although not large nor of great means, it readily and liberally responded, so that in a few minutes \$1,200 was secured in cash and subscriptions; after which a committee was appointed to continue soliciting in order to get the offered help.

All the while the work went on about the foundation, and when once the debris was removed it was not long before the foundation was completed, and at 11 a. m., on June 3rd, 1918, in the presence of Mrs. Fred Hadra, Mrs. Elmer Biggs, charter members of the first church, and Willard Everstine, J. W. Shepherd, Elmer E. Biggs, H. R. Knight, Mrs. J. L. Biggs, Mrs. W. N. Gower, and W. N. Beiler; assisted by Rev. H. R. Wheeler and Rev. J. M. York, pastors of Trinity and Central Churches, Cumberland, Md.; Rev. E. W. Aaron, pastor of the church, in the use of the beautiful and appropriate ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South laid the corner stone of the Third Calvary M. E. Church, South, Ridgeley, W. Va.

The following articles were placed in the cavity of the stone: A copy of the New Testament, a copy of the Baltimore Southern Methodist, copies of The News and The Evening Times, Cumberland daily papers, a few coins of U. S. money in circulation at that time, the names of the members of the Official Board, the names of the Building Committee, the names of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rev. George W. Richardson, P. E. of the Moorefield District; Rev. E. W. Aaron, pastor of the church, and the name of the elect lady, \_\_\_\_\_, who became his bride on the 25th of June, 1918. He was a busy man indeed, but not too busy to court, to woo, and to win. He needed help to

bear the burdens, and console him when chafed on every side. Besides, a precedent had been set, for Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann married in the very midst of laying the foundation of Cumberland and Ridgeley work; Rev. C. H. Cannon married in less than three months after being assigned to Trinity, and Geo. R. Kiracofe married shortly after being put in charge of Agur Chapel.

In July the Calvary congregation moved from the Tabernacle to Mr. I. H. Baine's storeroom, on Nobly Street, where it remained until the church was ready for occupancy. The deed for Ridgeley parsonage was secured on August 14th.

"This deed, made this 14th day of August, 1918, by James T. Vandegrift and Grace C. Vandegrift, his wife, both of Ridgeley, Mineral County, W. Va., of the first part, and Archibald J. Allen, B. W. O'Rourke, W. L. McFarland, J. W. Shepherd, and O. W. Summers, Trustees of Calvary M. E. Church, South, in the town of Ridgeley aforesaid, grantees, of the second part.

"Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty-nine hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$2,934), cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part have granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed and by these presents do bargain, sell, convey and grant unto the parties of the second part as such Trustees as aforesaid, all of that lot or parcel of ground in the town of Ridgeley aforesaid, and designated as Lot No. 8, Vandegrift's First Addition to the town of Ridgeley, W. Va., fronting on Knobley Street and extending back to diagonal alley. The frontage on Knobley Street, being 26 feet and adjoins the lot on which Calvary M. E.

Church, South, aforesaid is located; being the same lot or parcel of ground as was conveyed to the said James T. Vandegrift by Benjamine R. Valentine and Amanda M. Valentine, his wife, by their deed dated October 9th, 1911, and recorded in Deed Book No. 32, page 128 of the Land Records for Mineral County aforesaid, reference to which is hereby made for a fuller and more complete description of said land herein and hereby conveyed.

"Together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, including the dwelling house now used as a parsonage, and the road, and street rights, water privileges and appurteances, thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

"In trust, that such premises shall be held, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the ministers of the M. E. Church, South, who may be from time to time appointed to said church, subject to the usage and discipline of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference within whose bounds said premises are situated."

The above deed is signed and sealed by James T. Vendegrift and Grace C. Vandegrift in the presence of the proper authority.

"I, L. P. Walker, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, do certify that the above named James T. Vandegrift and Grace C. Vandegrift, his wife, whose names are signed to the above deed, bearing date the 14th day of August, 1918, have this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County and State as their respective act and deed.

"Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 14th day of August, 1918.

"L. P. WALKER."

Of which \$534 was paid in cash; the balance, \$2,400, was secured and paid by giving mortgage for the same.

On the 3rd of November, 1918, a second appeal was made to the Calvary congregation, which in cash and subscription resulted in \$1,150. Then all attention was turned toward the Thanksgiving free-will offering of November, 1918, which in cash and subscription amounted to \$4,665.

Those most interested in Calvary Church watcher her with an anxious eye rise from a heap of ashes to a beautiful structure, and the workmen were faithful to their task till it came to completion.

It is 42 by 70 feet, two-story, with tower in center front 8 by 10 feet, and 65 feet high. The foundation is cement, and walls brick and roof slate, with a large window in first story over front door in the center of the building, and a window 3 by 10 on each side of it. And also a window on both sides of first story the same size. And in the front of the second story there is a circular window in center, with one 3 by 10 on each side of it. These together with the side windows in second story are all art glass, while the windows in the Sunday School apartment are maze glass.

Through the front door, in center of building, you enter the vestibule; and from the vestibule you enter the Sunday School apartment, which is on the first floor, and is 38 by 50 feet, with ceiling 12 feet high. It has a seating capacity of 350, and is so arranged that it may be divided into several class rooms. It is well heated and lighted.

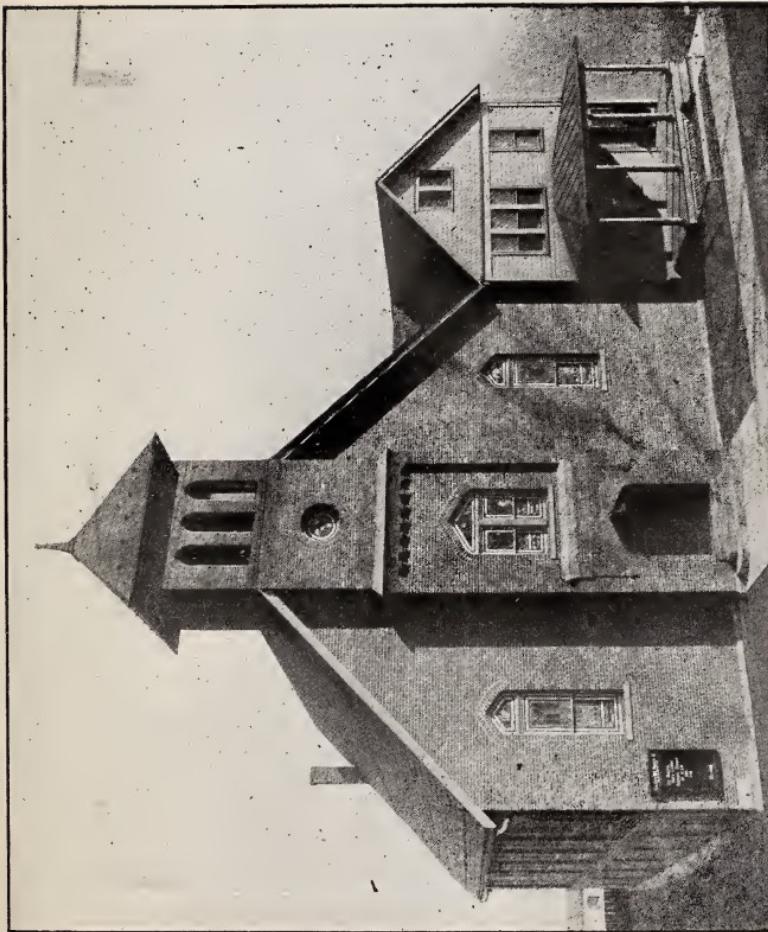
In the rear of the Sunday School apartment there is a furnace room 12 by 38 feet, in which is installed a heating plant and an electric system that heats and

generates light for lighting the church. Recently electric lights have been put in the church.

The auditorium is on the second floor, which may be entered either by a stairway from the Sunday School apartment, or a stairway from either side of the front door in the vestibule on first floor. It is 38 by 50, with gothic ceiling and approximately has a seating capacity of 375. The floor is of hardwood and is inclined, has two aisles leading to a spacious altar, pulpit platform and choir loft. Pews, altar and pulpit furniture all corresponds. The new church was christened by the Sunday School holding its Christmas entertainment in it on the 31st of December, 1918.

The opening day, January 12th, 1919, was beautiful, calm and mild; the village people came hurriedly from their homes to their recently erected temple, so that by 7.30 p. m. the church was comfortably filled. Rev. G. W. Richardson, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, was with Rev. E. W. Aaron, the pastor, in the pulpit and preached a very appropriate sermon from Nehemiah 6:3; after which the congregation was given an opportunity to make an offering toward liquidating the debt on the church, which in cash and subscription amounted to \$325. And in addition Miss Thelma Moore's Sunday School Class gave the church handsome collection plates; Miss Ethel Albrought's class presented it with hymn books; Mrs. Aaron's class gave the communion service; Mrs. Meetre, of Cumberland, gave the pulpit Bible; and Mr. B. W. O'Rourke an elegant communion table, in memory of his deceased wife, and Rev. E. W. Aaron gave the bulletin board.

The following is an itemized account of the expenses in building the Third Calvary M. E. Church, South, in Ridgeley, W. Va.:



Third Calvary M. E. Church South

Ridgely, West Va.

Opened January 12, 1919

Rev. E. W. Aaron, Pastor



Geo. Sansburg, architect's plan.....	\$100.00
H. Buchanan Son's Co.....	2,143.22
Cumberland Lumber Co.....	1,069.85
W. C. Light, rough lumber.....	713.12
South Cumberland Planing Mill.....	84.78
J. W. Smith, brick, labor, scaffolds.....	1,310.00
W. H. Deetz, labor, laths, plastering.....	570.75
Cumberland Cement Co.....	1,365.59
G. A. Brinker, slate roof.....	612.30
Queen City Brick Co.....	475.38
J. B. Williams, angle irons, etc.....	435.00
G. F. Schultz, gas and sewer piping.....	148.75
Flint-Stone Hardware Co.....	132.06
Wilcox Co., hardware, folding doors.....	74.64
A. A. Roeder, cut stone.....	70.00
J. George Zilk, metal work.....	84.15
R. E. Saum, metal work.....	32.30
Kenneweg Co., lead and oil.....	23.16
Mathew Paint Co., for paints.....	55.25
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., windows.....	299.08
Cincinnati Bell Co., for bell.....	94.48
McMullin Bros., muslin for windows.....	10.00
Hauling sand, gravel, brick etc.....	374.02
William Morehead & Sons.....	10.94
Murray McKaig .....	6.86
Labor, common and skilled.....	2,617.35
J. I. Vandegrift, commission.....	831.04
Express and freight.....	131.63
Miscellaneous items .....	102.73
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Cost of Church.....	\$13,978.43
Furniture .....	1,689.13
Furnace .....	650.00
Electric system .....	769.58
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Total cost of Church.....	\$17,087.14

Received from Church Ex.....	\$1,300.00
Cash on hand.....	360.00
Amount raised .....	3,127.14

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Total debt on Church.....\$11,300.00

The church raised and paid \$550 interest, \$165.35 insurance, and \$3,127.14 on church building; a total of \$3,842.49, besides current expenses.

Their sacrifices and labors were soon rewarded by the Lord of the harvest by the outpouring of His Spirit upon the revival services, resulting in 78 professions of faith. The 9th of February 1919, will long be remembered by the members of Calvary, when 19 persons, mostly adults, gathered about the altar of the new church, and consecrated the rest of their days to God and the church. Besides, some 40 children were retained in a class for further instruction before being received into the church. The gracious outpouring of the Spirit and comforts of the new church greatly increased the congregation, and its activities were conspicuous along all lines. For instance, in a short time the Junior League had grown to 40 members, the Senior League to 50 members and the church to 285 members. That their finances were in good shape, they paid the Presiding Elder \$62 and the preacher in charge \$850.

On the 31st of March, 1919, Rev. J. H. Billingsley was appointed to Trinity, Grand Avenue, Cumberland, Md., where a warm welcome and a congregation that filled the church, awaited him. Their fidelity to God, the church and their spiritual appetite is demonstrated by an attendance from 80 to 100 on his mid-week prayer meeting and the filling of the sanctuary on the Sabbath day.

The pastor's salary was set at \$1,600; but as the church continued growing they paid \$1,700, and beautified the church by frescoing the interior. In 1920 the salary was advanced to \$1,800. The appointment is abreast in missions and all the activities of the church.

Rev. B. V. Switzer was appointed to Central, Cumberland, Md., in 1919. He was cordially received and soon won a warm place in the hearts of his people. His salary was set at \$1,800, and advanced in 1920 to \$2,000.

On looking after the interests of the church he found there was a note of several hundred dollars held by the Winter's family against the church, and through his influence the congregation met the obligation, so that now the church is entirely free from all indebtedness.

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